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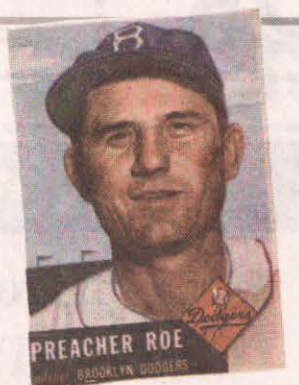
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## County judge elected to second term

Local politics overshadowed  
by national, but still important

By ERIC HOLLINGSWORTH  
assistant copy editor

The election is over, and it is clear who will be our next president, but what happened on a local level in Arkansas, and even in White County?

Three constitutional amendments were passed Nov. 4 in addition to an initiative act and a state question. Many local officials were also voted on, such as the position of White County Judge. Michael Lincoln, who won in the previous election by only a few hundred votes, won during this election by more than 7,000 votes.

"I knew I was going to do well," Lincoln said. "Just not that well."

Perhaps this change in voting had something to do with voter turnout. According to Lincoln, about 27,000 people showed up at the polls to cast their votes, 9,100 of whom chose to vote during

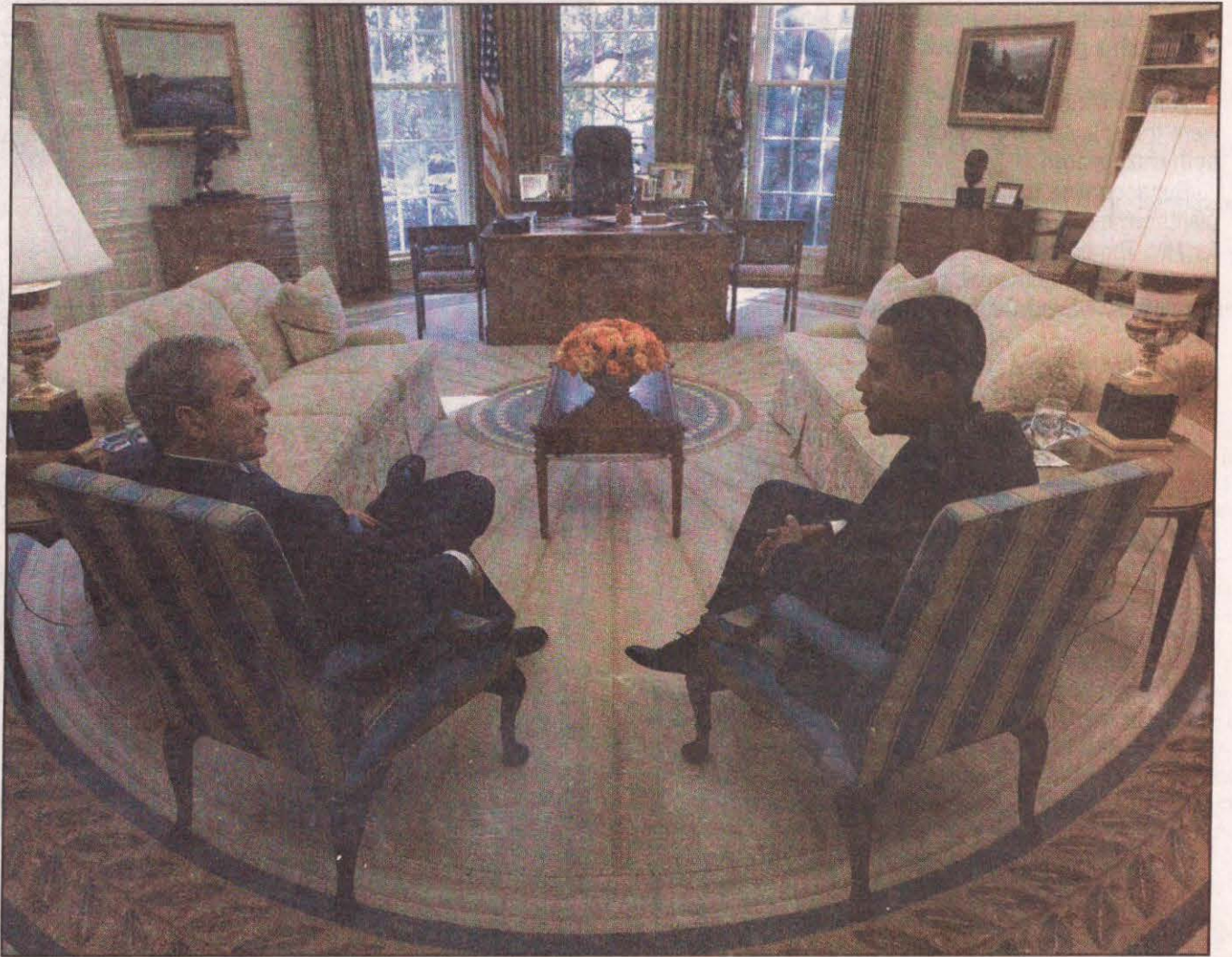
the early voting period.

Perhaps it had something to do with Lincoln's campaign strategy. Instead of using his time on the clock as time to campaign, such as lunchtime, Lincoln focused on doing his job during the campaign period, leaving campaigning strictly to after-hours.

Lincoln said that so many times candidates seem to come out of the woodwork only during elections, showing up only when their jobs are on the line. Lincoln said he made a point to be active in community events such as Fourth of July celebrations and a firefighters' dinner, even when it was not election time. Lincoln also said he made a point every day to have lunch in a different area of White County so as to be more visible to citizens. Lincoln said that people see that, realize you care about them and see that you don't just appear during re-election.

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## America's new face



AP photo by ERIC DRAPER | The White House

In this photo released by the White House, President Bush and President-elect Obama meet in the Oval Office of the White House on Monday in Washington. Obama made history Nov. 4 when he was elected the United States' first African-American president.

## A laugh a minute

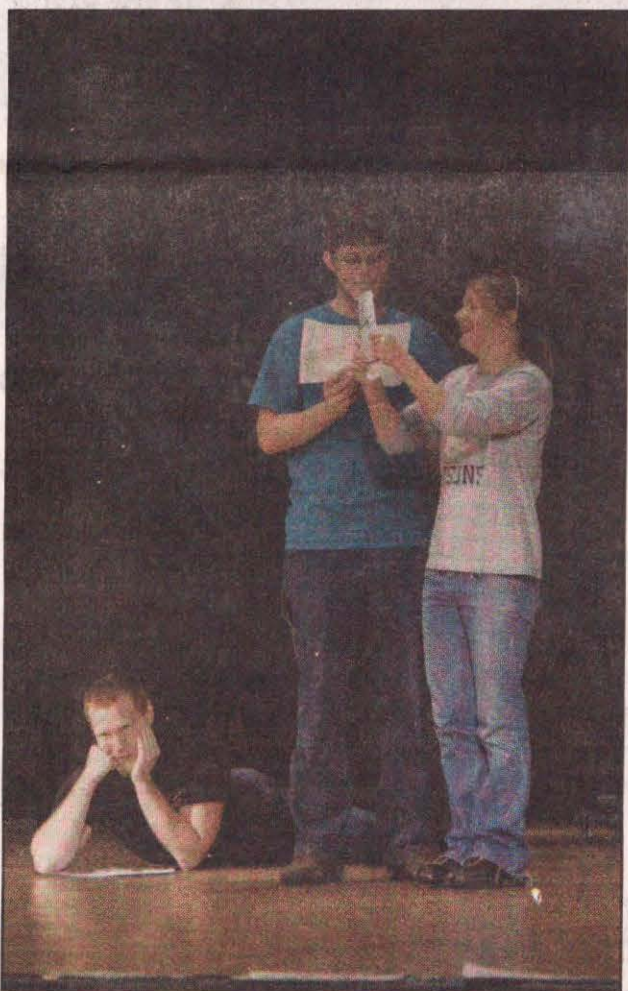


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Senior Jordan Rousseau, junior Kenny Dolinger and sophomore Megan Youngblood audition for the play "Scapin."

## WWII radio show to be performed

By BLAKE MATHEWS  
news editor

The Harding Jazz Band will perform a special themed concert tonight at the Searcy High School Performing Arts Center to raise money for a local animal shelter.

Titled "Where Our Boys Are," the program will be modeled after a live radio show from the World War II era, complete with an "armed forces broadcaster" and popular tunes from the 1940s. In between pieces like "String of Pearls" and "In The Mood," the broadcaster will read off song requests from soldiers and provide narration for an authentic radio show experience.

The show will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$8 each, with all of the proceeds going to the Humane Society of Searcy.

Located just north of Searcy, the Humane Society functions as a temporary home for stray or lost animals brought in by local Animal Control officers, as well as for pets given up by their owners. The animals are looked after, medicated, spayed or neutered and, eventually, given up for adoption.

"Our goal is to get every animal into a forever home," shelter supervisor B.J. Farren said as a stack of dog crates across the room barked and shook energetically.

As a nonprofit organization, the Humane Society receives a majority of its funding from private donors. Jim McCarty, vice chairman of the society's board of directors, said that hard economic times mean "people just can't donate like they used to."

"We're not trying to make a profit; we're just trying to offset our expenses," he said. "We come real close to doing that most years."

McCarty said he hopes to raise \$40,000 at the concert. That's more than double the amount the society received from the last Jazz Band benefit show two years ago when the shelter needed help expanding its facilities.

Dr. Warren Casey, director of the Jazz Band, said the last concert was not only a commercial success, but also a service opportunity for the musicians.

"It reminds every member of the band that, in coming to Searcy, they are now part of this community and have an opportunity to contribute here," Casey said.

"It's actually kind of funny, because I really don't like animals," sophomore and Jazz Band pianist Devon Newburn said. "Even if I don't like animals, I'm willing to support it, because it's a worthy cause."

Of all the people being brought together to make this concert happen, John Hadraba's story is one of the most providential. His story also explains to a great extent how the Harding-Humane Society relationship originally formed.

Hadraba works as a packaging consultant in Chicago. His work takes him to cities and businesses across America, but it was his other skill, trumpet playing, that first brought him to Harding five years ago.

During a summer business trip to Searcy, Hadraba, who usually travels with his trumpet, was looking for a place to practice; he found one in the Reynolds Music and Communication Center, home to Harding's music department. While playing in one of the practice rooms, he caught the attention of Casey, who arranged for Hadraba to meet and sit in with the Jazz Band.

The next year, the Jazz Band put on a performance with

Hadraba's help, which attracted a capacity crowd. In attendance was one of Hadraba's Searcy clients, Land O'Frost president Chuck Niementowski. Niementowski is also a board member for the Humane Society, and he was so impressed with the show that he began working out the details for a benefit concert. That concert was realized two years ago, and the brainchild of Hadraba, Niementowski and Casey will play again tonight.

As for the World War II theme, Hadraba said he thinks "it's something that's needed these days to show these young people what our forefathers went through."

Hadraba grew up in the 1940s and was influenced by wartime broadcasts of swing and big band music. He will assume the role of the "armed forces broadcaster" during the show.

Joining Hadraba and the Jazz Band are three special musical guests. Professional trumpeter Doug Scharf and singer Bob Duda are planned to come down from Chicago to lead the Jazz Band through several tunes. Jazz vocalist Shirley Chauvin will travel up from Hot Springs, Ark., to lend her voice as well.

## SA sponsors all-school formal

Date auction, dinner will be held  
to benefit Habitat for Humanity

By JOEL BLAKE  
student reporter

These days, the exciting, cheap activities in Searcy are few and far between. Two-for-one at Lenny's on Mondays always brightens the moods of Harding students. Three-dollar Tuesday at the movie theater is exciting as well. Thrills on Wheels boasts \$2 Tuesday with free admission with a college I.D. Skating with all of Searcy's elementary population is always something that brightens one's day. And for \$1, any night can be a Redbox night. But the end of the semester is nearing and some things tend to get a little monotonous.

Nov. 18, the Student Association is hosting "The Event," also known as the All-School Fundraiser. It will be an op-

portunity for any student at Harding to throw on something nice, bring a date and attend a school-wide function.

"The main thing we are trying to accomplish with the event is giving all students the ability to attend a nice formal event that is fun and enjoyable," SA Treasurer Bryan Clifton said.

The Event will take place in the cafeteria and admission will be two card swipes.

The night will provide an exceptional and nontraditional cafeteria menu.

"This is the stuff [Dr. Burks] serves when he brings in a special guest," SA President Michael Crouch said. "It will not be ordinary caf food."

It has also been announced that a gourmet chicken dish will

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photo by TAYLOR DURHAM | The Bison

"Peace," written in different languages, frames a mural in Berryhill Park that was painted by children and Harding students on Nov. 1.

## HU organizations work with kids on new park mural

By KIM KOKERNOT  
assistant news editor

Student groups HUmanity and Pierced worked with fifth- and sixth-graders to paint a mural in Berryhill Park on Nov. 1 in an effort to cover graffiti and interact with local children.

A blue dove that incorporates the children's handprints in the wings and tail was used to cover up profane language sprayed on the pavilion walls. To promote nonviolence, the mural is bordered by the word "peace" in multiple languages.

Freshman Marcy Owens sketched the design after sophomore Patrick Baird voiced the need for a mural during a HUmanity brainstorming session.

"This summer, when I wanted to take my little brother to the places where I grew up and I saw how dilapidated they had

become, it really bothered me and I wanted to do something about it," Baird said.

The group planned not only to cover the inappropriate language, but to replace it with something meaningful.

"The mural was like a counter voice to graffiti," senior Patrick Covert said. "The graffiti was one voice, one text, and the mural is a counter text that says we have something better in mind for our community, a way of peace and of love, a way that infiltrates people who are sometimes marginalized and not given a voice, like children."

Because most graffiti is created by teenagers, students from Southwest Middle School and the Searcy Children's Home were chosen to help with the mural in an attempt to provide a positive influence and deter

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## TheNewsreel

### Bone marrow transplant aids HIV patient

An HIV patient has been free from infection for two years after undergoing a bone marrow transplant from a donor with a natural genetic resistance to the AIDS virus, German researchers said Wednesday.

After the patient was diagnosed with leukemia, doctors sought out a donor with a genetic mutation that helps the body resist AIDS.

When a donor was found and healthy stem cells were transplanted, the patient's HIV and leukemia both disappeared.

But according to doctors, bone marrow transplants will never become the standard treatment for HIV. The procedure is very risky and destroys the patient's bone marrow before the transplant, temporarily leaving the patient without an immune system.

It is also likely that HIV is still present in the patient's body, and could return at any time..



### Gay couples legally marry in Connecticut

Gay couples in Connecticut were permitted to legally marry for the first time Wednesday.

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled 4-3 in October to give same-sex couples the same rights to marriage as heterosexual couples. This action overturned the alternate civil union law that gave gay couples the same legal rights as married couples, but denied them the title of marriage.

In Connecticut, 2,023 civil union licenses were issued between Oct 2005 and July 2008, but eight couples sued for the right to marry.

California residents recently lost the right to gay marriage, leaving Massachusetts as the only other state that allows same-sex couples to wed.

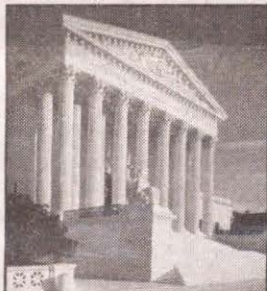
### Supreme Court makes first ruling of term

Potential harm to whales and dolphins ranks below threats to national security, the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday.

In the first ruling for the 2008-09 term, the court agreed that vital exercises in learning to detect enemy submarines would be thwarted by limiting the Navy's sonar use. This decision overturned the lower court's ruling, which required the Navy to deter sonar pulses when marine mammals may be in the area.

The Navy's use of sonar can interfere with communication between the marine mammals, but the Supreme Court ruled for lightening the restrictions on sonar use during anti-submarine training in Southern California.

Six of the nine judges supported the Navy's claim, overturning the decision by the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.



### Internet spam cut down, deterred

A major Web-hosting firm, known to be a host of spam activity, was taken offline yesterday by two Internet providers.

According to computer security experts, McColo, the San Jose Web-hosting company, sold a variety of items like counterfeit pharmaceuticals and child pornography for international firms. An estimated 75% of all spam sent in the United States each day was from McColo.

Global Crossing, one of the two companies that provided McColo's Internet access, did not comment on reasons for cutting ties with the company, but did report that their policy prohibits "malicious activity."

The director of marketing for Hurricane Electric, McColo's other Internet provider, said it blocked the company after hearing of allegations against the company.

## TheWindow

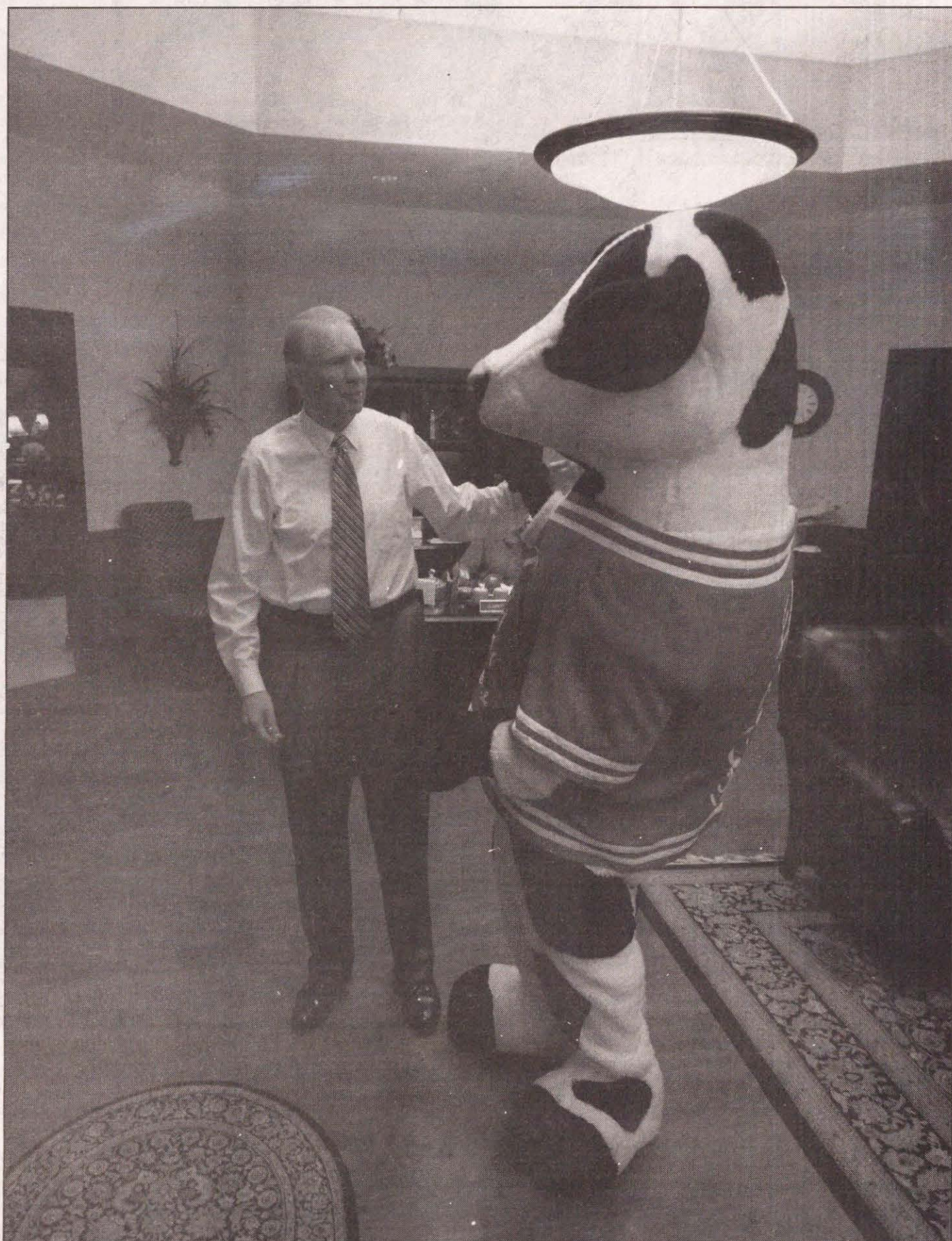


photo by Noah Darnell | PETIT JEAN

President Burks confers with the Chick-fil-A cow (AKA Dr. Bob Reely) Wednesday in the lobby of the Office of the President. The cow was visiting in advance of Chick-fil-A Founder S. Truett Cathy's ASI presentation Thursday.

## TheWATERCOOLER

"The world's women are nearly as educated and as healthy as men, but are nowhere to be found in terms of decision-making."

— Saadia Zahidi, head of the women leaders and gender parity program of the World Economic Forum, after the release of the organization's 2008 Gender Gap Report

"We are more than aware of the consequences, but there are no alternatives."

— Frank Appel, chief executive of Deutsche Post, on the "strong public reaction" about the decision to close DHL's domestic service in the U.S., laying off 9,500 employees.

"All of a sudden, the police in the area started to panic in case 20,000 MyFootballClub members turned up for the next game."

— Dave Morgan, member of MyFootballClub.co.uk, the internet site that helped thousands of people buy their own soccer team named Ebbsfleet United.

"You walk the mall and consumers look like zombies. They're there in person but not in spirit."

— John Morris, a retail analyst, in response to the credit crunch.

"It kind of runs contrary to what this ... is supposed to be about when scalpers fire up their engines and declare open season on the Inauguration."

— Gil Duran, spokesman for Senator Dianne Feinstein, in response to the report of presidential Inauguration tickets being sold online for \$40,000.

"I'll bring my own bag. Why would I give them 5 cents?"

— Anita Ramautar, a customer at Citarella, the grocery store on the Upper West Side of New York City, on Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's plan to charge customers for each new plastic bag used at the grocery store.

## TheSCOOP

### Simple Dessert Recipes

#### Microwavable Rice Crispy Treats

##### Ingredients:

3 tbs butter  
4 c. mini marshmallows  
6 c. Rice Krispies

##### Directions:

1. In microwave safe bowl, heat butter and marshmallows on High for about 2 minutes. Stir the mixture, then heat 1 minute or until mixture is melted. Stir until smooth.  
2. Mix in Rice Krispies, stirring until cereal is coated.  
3. Press into a pan coated with cooking spray or butter. Allow to cool before cutting.

#### Puppy Chow

##### Ingredients:

12 oz. box Crispix cereal  
½ c. butter  
1 c. peanut butter  
12 oz. pkg. semisweet chocolate chips  
2/3 c. powdered sugar  
1 gallon, plastic bag

##### Directions:

1. Microwave butter, peanut butter and chocolate chips in bowl on high for 2-3 minutes, stirring once during cooking  
2. Place cereal in a large bowl and pour melted mixture over cereal.  
3. Gently stir mixture until cereal is coated.  
4. Pour powdered sugar into plastic bag. Pour coated cereal into bag with the powdered sugar and shake until thoroughly covered with sugar. Pour mix onto wax paper to cool and dry.

## TheNUMBER

1924

—year the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was held, featuring animals from the Central Park Zoo.



## Fall break gives extra family time, relaxation to students

Three-day weekend allows more traveling, vacation

By MICHAEL BROOKER  
student reporter

This semester, students got to experience a three-day weekend for the first time at Harding. Under the guise of "Fall Break," many students took the chance to get out of Searcy and do something different.

"It was pretty phenomenal about how many people were gone," Assistant Dean of Students Sheri Shearin said. "We tallied that 69 percent of the student body signed out of their residence halls for at least one night."

"That's not even including students living off-campus."

Many students went home or traveled with friends, but Shearin said that they had four times as many requests to go camping as they have for a typical weekend.

"I think there were a lot of reasons why many people left," Shearin said. "For some it may have been their first opportunity to get off campus and head home. Some students

homes are more than a few hours away. Plus, there were no club activities and the weather was excellent."

Shearin said she was pleased that several students traveled with friends for the weekend.

"I went to Nashville," junior Lexi Kays said. "I had never been there, and I had some friends that lived there."

Others took advantage of the extended weekend to enjoy a variety of things. Greg Lyons, while in Kansas City, decided to attend an Obama rally.

"I was up there visiting some friends," Lyons said. "While there, what better to do than see, or rather, hear Barack Obama at a Democratic Rally?"

Overall, many students said they were pleased with the break, even if it was only for one day.

"It felt worth the while," student Amber Roe said, "because it was kind of like a slice of pie after a not-so-excellent dinner before you get to the cake, Christmas break."

"Actually, for me, it was a break at just the right time," Lyons said. "It came before everything conspired to kill me in all my classes. However, I can understand why it may seem a little useless to some people, because if I hadn't had something to do, I would have been bored."

David Collins, Vice President of Student Life said though all offices were open, he thought it was good for the students.

"I was glad so many could get off campus and enjoy the weekend," Collins said. "I was really happy it worked so well."

"I think it was a great opportunity to have some time off," Shearin said. "And I think those that stayed took the time to catch up in classes."

Fall Break is not the only holiday that was added to Harding's calendar; students will get Martin Luther King Jr. Day off as well this spring. But for now, students are happy with what they got in the fall.

## JUDGE: Michael Lincoln already planning for next term

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Maybe the change in voting had to do with what Lincoln accomplished during his last term.

Lincoln said that, among other things, he feels he has established a good working relationship with the natural gas industries, holding them responsible for road damages caused by their equipment and working together with them on conducting repairs.

Lincoln also helped to organize a much-needed transfer of the county clerk from the courthouse to a building across the square, which he had just worked to renovate for that purpose.

Whatever the reason, Lincoln said he has interpreted the victory margin to indicate a mandate from White County residents. He said that in his next term, he plans to develop a comprehensive county road plan, renovating the county's 151 wooden one-lane bridges little by little and filling in short gravel sections of road connecting two paved sections.

Also in the vein of the county clerk's relocation, Lincoln said he plans to continue evaluation and renovation of county facilities.

"I want to continue building a spirit of cooperation between county officials," Lincoln said. "Some of the current officials only seek to divide us, and nothing gets accomplished."

Regarding the Arkansas Constitution Amendments, Initiative and Question, Lincoln had a few insights into the results.

He said that with the passing of the amendment allowing for the creation of a state lottery with proceeds going toward college scholarships, the biggest challenge for the legislature will be holding true to the amendment's purpose.

Lincoln also said that if the

### Election results

#### Elected officials

- President: Barack Obama
- U.S. Senate: Mark Pryor
- U.S. Representative 2nd district: Vic Snyder
- White County Judge: Michael Lincoln
- State Representative District 50: Monty Betts
- Searcy District Judge: Mark Pate
- Searcy City Council Ward 1, Position 1: Carl Nutter
- White County Sheriff: Ricky Shourd
- White County Clerk: Tami King

#### Legislation passed

- Amendment 1: Proposing the removal of archaic language from constitution
- Amendment 2: Proposing yearly budget issue discussions
- Amendment 3: Proposing a state lottery with proceeds going toward scholarships
- Initiative Act 1: Proposing a ban on unmarried couples adopting children
- State Question 1: Proposing bonds for refinancing of water and pollution projects

amendment does not provide for administration costs and money to pay officials in charge of the lottery, the money is going to have to come from somewhere.

The initiative act to ban unmarried couples from adopting children also could have some repercussions. If the same people who pushed for the initiative to be passed are not in the forefront working to provide adequate Christian homes for adoption of children now that it has passed, then they shouldn't have been pushing for it in the first place, Lincoln said.

They have a large responsibility to step up and help provide places to live for these children.

Lincoln said the election is our time to voice our opinion. Although Lincoln did not vote for Obama in the election, he said he feels it is our responsibility as Christians

and U.S. citizens to get behind all elected officials whether or not we voted for them, to pray for them and not to speak ill toward them.

The U.S. is a far better place than any other in the world in that we have the freedom that we do to vote, Lincoln said.

Lincoln said the story will be told when Obama appoints his cabinet. If he picks people based on their ethnicity, gender or sexual preference, then we will be in trouble, Lincoln said. If he chooses on a basis of wisdom, then we still have hope.

Lincoln said he saw Obama as initially overconfident and not fully comprehending the role that he will be expected to play in the coming years.

"I hope he does well [as a president] for the good of the country," Lincoln said. "A good dose of reality brings arrogance down quickly."

## PAINT: Park reclaimed by groups' work, childrens' play

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future vandalism. "We wanted to let these children know their self-worth so that they don't have to try to find their self-worth in other ways," Baird said. "We wanted the children to know that they had a part in making their park a better place, and I think we really achieved that not only by including them in the painting process, but then by playing with them in the park that's theirs, and kind of reclaiming it for the children."

Covert said he believes with the aid of adults children are empowered and given a voice in society.

"They are a valuable part of the community," Covert said. "Though they are young and still learning, and unable to do a lot of adult things, they can be a part of something that is good and beneficial."

Although the mural is limited to the space of one pavilion, the concept extended beyond painting with children.

"In some ways it was something small; it was just painting over graffiti," Covert said. "But in another sense, we were living out this way of Jesus that partners

with people to care about things that are relevant. Whether it be painting over graffiti or donating food, we become the hands and feet of Jesus in these little ways as we partner with others in a holistic approach to ministry."

The project was funded by Searcy Parks and Recreation, who supported the idea early in the semester when Baird and sophomore Alan Elrod presented the concept to park director Ryan Smith. After the design was approved, paint was purchased and the project was completed.

"Searcy and White County want this kind of project done, and they're overly excited about having these kind of projects pushed forward by students," sophomore Jordan Harris said. "It just proves that if we want to do it, we can do it; there's nothing really stopping us."

"There's a lot of things for money to be spent on, just not enough groups of people willing to accept the money and do the work," junior Rachelle Martindale, who headed up the project, said.

Harris said he hopes this project will motivate other groups to get involved.

"We need a connection between Harding and between Searcy, and I think this event was a small part of that," Harris said. "If more groups get together to do this kind of thing, it helps show Searcy what Christianity is all about."

After completing the mural, Harding students played ultimate spoons and other games with the children. Pierced provided a feast of pot roast, pizza and apple pie to feed the children and students involved with the project.

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be the main entree. In addition to the food, there will be the honoring, celebration, and all-out roasting of well-known Harding student B. Chris Simpson. There will also be a bachelor auction open to all female Harding students. The money raised from the auction will be given to Habitat for Humanity.

"I actually got the idea of the auction from the movie 'Groundhogs Day,'" Crouch said.

Crouch said.

The SA and Aramark, which is providing the food, are hoping for a large turnout of students for the event. They are preparing for between 800 and 1,000 students.

So for all those Harding couples out there who want to venture away from late-night strolls around the Harding campus or for those single girls just looking for that perfect man to bid on, The Event is waiting to welcome them.

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## Is Graduation All That Great?

From what little experience I have in dealing with the "real world," I have come to one conclusion: the real world stinks. While this statement may seem a little harsh, I have had several experiences to prove my conclusion.

In only a few short weeks, I will be walking across the Benson stage to receive my diploma; something I thought would bring me a great sense of joy and freedom. While I am proud of this accomplishment, my happiness has been short lived because of the harsh reality that I will face after graduation.

For several months, I have been earnestly looking for employment. My experiences at the beginning of this endeavor should have been warning enough that this was not going to be easy.

For an entire weekend, I sat at my computer perfecting my resume and applying for jobs both individually and through an online career Web site. I was proud I had taken the initiative to begin my job search so early. Surely this couldn't be as bad as everyone said it was.

The next day, the stock market crashed. If there was ever a doubt that it would be difficult to find a job, the 500-point drop in the stock market and thousands of people being laid off work from were big neon signs saying that my timing was really bad.

At that point, any hopes I had were crushed. No company would be looking to hire in this unstable economic mess. While



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I still made an effort to search and apply for job opportunities, I was not going to hold my breath.

And then the unthinkable happened — a company that I had applied to wanted to interview me immediately. I was ecstatic to have my first interview. The company was from my hometown, about three hours from school, so I spent the entire drive practicing my answers and perfecting my interview skills. I felt confident and was ready for the challenge.

The next day I woke up entirely too early but too excited to sleep any longer. Finally it was time for the interview. Five short minutes after beginning the interview, I was in my car driving back home. At no fault of my own, the interviewer had failed to read my resume thoroughly. Upon fur-

ther inspection, or simply upon reading the first sentence, the interviewer would have realized that I was still in school and would not graduate until December. Had they not needed to fill the position immediately, I would have been a great choice, they told me — words that failed to comfort me. After I had missed an entire day of classes and driven more than six hours, I was back at school no closer to employment than before.

Weeks later, I am still without a job and only that much closer to graduating. I have not given up hope completely and am fully confident that I will find a good job soon. However, the many experiences I have had this semester have taught me that adults were not kidding about the difficulties that lay ahead, and I know I have only begun to scratch the surface.

I find it funny that I spent the past three years doing everything in my power to finish college as quickly as possible. Even now, I feel that Harding has prepared me well and I am ready for a new adventure. But my involvement with the real world during the past semester has given me a clearer picture of what truly lies ahead: taxes, bills and more responsibilities than any college student could ever imagine.

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## Time To Respect All Elected Officials Regardless Of Party

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, I watched alongside the rest of the country as Barack Obama defeated John McCain to become the first black president of the United States. Some of my friends were thrilled with the results, but some were not as excited, to say the least.

The next morning, I woke up to text messages and Facebook invites encouraging me to dress in black to mourn John McCain's loss, as well as the Republican Party's. Some messages even included a mourning period for our nation.

I did not strongly support either candidate, but I was extremely disturbed about the closed-minded nature of the students here at Harding and the nation as a whole in the hours and days immediately following the election. The last thing I saw being displayed on this campus was true Christianity, something thought to be commonplace at Harding.

As Americans, it is easy to get caught up in the current events of this country and of this world. Presidential elections are exciting times that can be used to change the United States for the better, but we must, as Christians, remember to place our faith above anything else. It is disheartening to see our country so divided over something that is no longer in our control. The bipartisan nature of our nation dates back to the presidential election of the 1800 — but it seems as if the two parties are traveling farther and farther apart as time progresses.

Following this election, both



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Democrats and Republicans are to blame for the animosity between the parties. Here at Harding, Obama supporters sported t-shirts, flags and masks and had "Yes We Cake" in the student center to celebrate the win, while McCain supporters mourned the supposed death of our nation by dressing in all black.

As a political science major, I had mixed feelings. I was so excited to see my peers passionate about this election — on both sides. But as a Christian and someone who also has a passion for the political process, I was upset at what I saw but also did not know what to do about it.

Our campus has a large majority of conservative Republican students who supported McCain throughout his campaign. It's no surprise; these students are feeling upset and unsatisfied with the results of last week's election.

However, it is when this unfulfillment leads to hatred and a lack of support for our president-elect that it becomes unreasonable. This causes divisions among American people, unhappiness for the next four years and behavior that is the epitome in what Christ would not want of those who seek to be like him.

A cliché saying of America is

"United we stand, divided we fall," and "divided" is exactly how our nation is becoming. In order to remain a superpower in this world, the United States must be united — no matter who the leader of our country may be.

As Americans, and, more importantly, as Christians, it is absolutely imperative for us to set an example to the rest of our nation of reverence for authority and a faith in the plan of our Lord. We must not get carried away in our political views and stances, forgetting our allegiance to God that should always come first in our lives. We must come together behind President-elect Obama and show the world we are still the United States of America.

I hope not to see the passion of the youth die after this election. It encourages me to see so many young students voting and showing an interest in things that shape the face of our nation. I urge you all, as students, to keep an open mind, to follow our elected leaders and to — above all — show Christ to those around you.

After all, every single one of us takes deep pride in the democracy that so represents our great nation — but our democracy cannot and should not continue without people of faith representing the red, white and blue — no matter who is the head of state.

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JEREMY WATSON

Elementary,  
My DearThe  
Uncanny  
Valley

A team of scientists in England has recently created a robotic head that can accurately mimic human emotions by simply watching someone make a facial expression and mimicking them. The Daily Mail, a British newspaper, recently had a story on their Web site about "Jules," along with a video of him discussing his desire to destroy Wales.

The entire time I was watching the video, aside from snickering at Jules' attempts to convince his audience to let him "destroy a populace," I was thinking one thing: this thing is sort of creepy.

The sensation I was feeling actually has a scientific name: the theory of the Uncanny Valley.

The Uncanny Valley refers to the dip in a graph of how much normal people accept non-humans as they look more and more like humans. For a while, acceptability goes up as the likeness gets greater, like how more people can see a human in an animation of a human or cartoon than in a stick figure drawing.

Eventually, though, when the likeness becomes very close to, but not quite like, an actual human, people began to feel revulsion or a sense of creepiness (that's a scientific term) when they look at the non-human.

Finally, when something like a robot becomes almost indistinguishable from a human, the acceptability comes back up, creating a valley.

As robots become more and more human, eventually people stop looking at them as a robot that looks almost, but not quite human, and start thinking of them as humans with something subtly wrong.

It is sort of like a nightmare where everything seems normal except for some seemingly insignificant detail, but that strangeness creates a tension that leaves the dreamer wide-eyed and drenched in sweat, checking under his or her bed for monsters.

While there have been no reports of anyone running screaming from the room when faced with a not-quite-human robot (at least, as far as I know), many people have reported feeling that there was something not quite right about those that approach a human likeness. There have even been some instances of this in computer-animated 3D films.

An interesting extension to this theory discusses the possibility of a large public outcry against cybernetically improved humans, or transhumans. If at some point in the future people begin enhancing their natural bodies with electronic parts or something else like that, people may get the same feeling of unease around them as some do with human-like robots, only on the other side of humanity.

Instead of almost, but not quite, being human, they are a little bit beyond a normal human. And if humanity's track record for actions concerning those slightly different than themselves is any indicator, this could create some very large social issues as people make more and more changes.

How will people react when some make so many changes they don't even seem human any more? Most states don't let same-sex couples marry; will people be willing to extend even the most basic of human rights to "non-humans" who threaten their very way of life because they have an "unfair advantage" with their extra parts?

Who knows: maybe it will actually go the opposite way, and everyone will be clamoring to be "enhanced" as well. That, however, leaves the same problem of possible discrimination against "normies."

Well, I obviously can't predict the future. Enhancements may never come to pass, but with all the technological advances with things like prosthetic limbs and electronically restoring sight to the blind, I think it's probably more likely than not. I guess the question then will be whether humanity can handle the great responsibility that comes with the great power.

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# A Game Of Chance

## Spinning The Wheel In Restaurant Roulette

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### Guest Space

**"Phones organize our calendars and stock portfolios so that we cannot make a social or financial move without them. They take our pictures, store our music, do our math and send our e-mail."**

could not trust themselves to make a decision, they sought a higher power. This means, of course, that Americans are now one step closer to worshipping our phones.

Consider how much of daily life is already under cellular control. Phones with global positioning systems tell us where to go and how to get there. Phones organize our calendars and stock portfolios so that we cannot make a social or financial move without them. They take our pictures, store our music, do our math and send our e-mail. Phones dictate our personal sense of safety — we've decided that responsible driving is far less important than

calling Lurleen from the expressway to see whether she is bringing congealed or non-congealed salad to the potluck. Phones simplify our friendships by defining "who's in your circle," and they also streamline our thought processes. Phones now work on a Pavlovian level. They ring; we respond: no choice. They even tell us who to vote for — just ask any of the millions of young people who received text messages all during the 2008 campaign. If Orwell could only see us now.

If a phone can do all that, imagine the possibilities for the future. Can it recommend the best sale on designer pocketbooks in town? Will it warn you against paying \$8.50 to see "Beverly Hills Chihuahua?" Will it suggest how much larger your next truck should be? Maybe counsel you on a career move? If you type in the names of your top three girlfriends, will it reveal who should get the ring?

MAN: I'm sorry, dear, but we have to break up.

WOMAN: But I thought you loved me!

MAN: So did I, but the phone has spoken.

WOMAN (Sighs): The phone giveth and the phone taketh away.

Can we really be close to iPhone worship? If phones take over all of

our small decisions, can the big ones be far behind? Is my response to any emergency "Call first and pray later"? Will I rely on GPS for life directions? When I hear the sentence "I will never forsake you," do I picture the Verizon guy? Does my blaring ring tone drown out the still, small voice asking "Can you hear Me now?"

Some of you may remember the HBO series Fraggles Rock. The Jim Henson puppet creation starred a group of underground characters who occasionally ventured into the outside world, most often to visit their oracle. Incredibly, this all-knowing source of wisdom was not an idol, not a bearded guru on a hill, not even Dr. Phil. Instead, it was a talking pile of garbage. Marjory the Trash Heap was covered with orange peels and coffee grounds, but she always knew the best answer to any dilemma.

Despite the rather awful smell, the Fraggles genuflected before her semi-wise platitudes and followed them to the letter. It apparently never occurred to them that they were taking directions from a piece of junk. Are we any different?

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### The Fish Wrap

## Old Comics Remain In Neutral

Professional cartoonists have relatively little to complain about, as far as their professional lives are concerned. A cartoonist, once he or she has snagged a syndicate and a cult following, makes a living by telling jokes with pictures.

And the pictures don't even have to be well-drawn. Just take a look at Scott Adams' work on the world-famous "Dilbert" strip; Adams openly admits the limitations of his drawing ability. He makes up for the blobby, blockish people with writing that is perhaps the best there has ever been in the brief history of comic strips.

Despite the relative ease of life — many cartoonists at smaller operations work out of their houses — cartoonists still find gripes with the work place. They complain about the censorship on the comic strip pages that is akin to the Cleaver household of the 1950s. They complain about how hard it is to make it in the ever-shrinking business.

They also complain about each other. Stephan Pastis, the creator of the award-winning strip "Pearls Before Swine", is not afraid to pull punches on his fellow artists. "Pearls" is one of the few successful comics in the newspapers that is less than a decade old, and the great popularity about the strip is that Pastis will use his stick figure Rat, Pig, Zebra and Goat to poke fun at everything.

What does not always make Pastis equally as popular among his peers is the way he makes fun of the old classics. No target has received as much malice as "Family Circus", a comic strip that has arguably remained unchanged since 1960. Though artist Bil Keane apparently takes Pastis' jests in stride, Pastis is not easy on the "Circus" strip that is filled with daily cute-isms about family life in these United States.

Since starting "Pearls", Pastis has parodied the world of Keane in a number of ways that have included making fun of the dead grandpa in the strip and Billy's dotted-line walks. Pastis even featured a weeklong series with Osama bin Laden staying at the home of the family ("At the end of grace, we say 'Amen', not 'Death to America.'"). With bin Laden staying at the home of "Family Circus", he evaded capture from U.S. officers because the family was too oblivious to turn him in.

Nothing is sacred to Pastis when it comes to the cartoon world. Amongst the older readers, "Family Circus" has remained one of the most popular strips because it has been around a very long time. The same can be said for "Hagar the Horrible," "Beetle Bailey" and "Hi and Lois" among others.

Most of these statesmen strips are no longer drawn by the original artists. The artists have passed the sacred art down quite literally from father to son, though sometimes the strip has been given to other cartoonists. The comics page has essentially become a family business, but in Pastis' view, the pages have become a stale monarchy.

To Pastis, it is no small wonder why the comics aren't attracting younger readers, who typically expect something edgier and less candy-sweet cute from their comic strips. When it comes down to it, the next generation of fans expect more "Zits" and less comics that are nothing short of "Precious Moments."

Not all old strips are bad, however. Some comics haven't reveled in their 1940s glory for the last 60 years. Take "Blondie" for example; it's a comic that has truly changed with the times.

Dagwood and Blondie Bumstead were married during the 1930s, a relative golden age for comics. In those days, Blondie was a flappy girl and Dagwood was the son of a railroad tycoon. Today, Dagwood carpools to his pencil-pushing job, and Blondie — now a liberated, pants-wearing woman — owns her own catering business.

"Blondie" has found a way to market itself. The strip is probably the only one in the world that has its own corresponding sandwich shop in real life based on a character's eating habits.

For many older readers, old comics are that window into childhood and into a world that didn't seem so "bad." A comics page should strike a balance, however. Inventiveness and creativity have always fueled the best strips. Just look at the work of Charlie Brown creator Charles Schulz, who created much of what is still emulated by artists today.

Welcome to the modern comics page. Would you like to read about the 1940s or the perhaps a little of the 1980s? Or perhaps present day would suit you?

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# Geocaching In On Hidden Harding Treasures

KATIE RAMIERZ



### Guest Space

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the terrain is to get to."

Some caches have to be dug up, some are magnetic, others are hidden under water and some are even on the Harding University campus.

"I have done the seven point Harding cache tour," senior Jon Langford said. "It took a few months to find all of them because a few of the caches were disturbed by muggles, or non-caching folk. To this day, when introducing someone to geocaching, I always show him or her a few of the Harding caches. Everyone is amazed that they walk by them every day."

The Harding Tour is composed of seven different caches spread throughout campus. Whether for a student, faculty member or visitor

to the campus, the caches provide a small history of the university and the surrounding area where they are hidden.

For example, when discovering the cache hidden near the Harding History House, a treasure hunter would find information about the iconic Harding gates that were actually part of Galloway College, the women's college that Harding replaced.

Although Harding's and the surrounding Searcy area's caches might be hard to get to, students said more treacherous sites exist.

"I spent a year in Iraq with the army between my junior and senior year at Harding," Hill said. "Believe it or not, there are caches in Iraq in the middle of war. Because it was a war zone, you couldn't give the correct coordinates because the enemy could use them to attack you, so the people [who set up the cache] would just give general descriptions of what was around it, and you used those clues to find the cache."

Other students also spoke about caches around the globe.

"I wish I could have brought my GPS overseas, because I heard there is one at the Pyramids of Giza," senior Billie Pieters said.

While most of the time the caches hold only a sign-in log, some also have

prizes inside of them.

"People hide these caches all over the world and put prizes in them for people who find them," Hill said. "Sometimes the prizes are really nice, like \$100 for the first one to find it."

Although the thought of a cash prize cache is appealing to some, the main reason for caching is the thrill of the hunt and exploring new or overlooked areas that go unnoticed by the untrained or GPS-less eye.

"I am always excited about the caches that are hidden in public that no one notices," Langford said. "There have been many caches that I have walked by on a daily basis that were unnoticeable until geocaching. For example, a fake sprinkler head, a fake electrical outlet or even fake birds in a tree."

For anyone interested in caching, the requirements are only a working GPS unit, a passion for treasure hunting and access to the Internet.

"Searcy is a great town to cache in," Langford said. "There are over 200 caches in Searcy alone. For more information about geocaching, visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

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# Optimism Among Environmentalists Grows With Election Of Sen. Obama

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### Green Without Envy

tion plans to create a Global Energy Forum to address climate concerns with the world's foremost emitters. Obama also wants to institute a cap-and-trade policy in which pollution credits will be auctioned, resulting in an eventual 80 percent reduction of 1990-level greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Concerning America's energy state, Obama anticipates cutting ties with the Middle East and Venezuela's oil supplies within 10 years. To accomplish this daunting task, Obama plans to increase fuel economy standards, allow for one million plug-in hybrid cars to travel the country by 2015, and force oil companies to drill on already-leased land that has not been tapped, as opposed to expanding the reaches of drilling. All of this he foresees within the context of a bustling green-jobs market spurred by the building of a pipeline and renewably sourced electricity.

As a co-sponsor of the Udall-Eisenhower Arctic Wilderness Act, Obama supports the fervent protection of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska and other wilderness areas, stating that he is intent on "preserving the federal government's historic legacy of protecting and strengthening our natural resources." To that end, Obama backs building a border fence along the U.S.-Mexico border

only where illegal entry can best be barred and if local community and environmental laws are respected. Additionally, Obama says he seeks to strengthen the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and other laws that preserve wildlife.

Despite its many strengths, Obama's environmental policy has received its share of criticism. Throughout his tenure as an Illinois senator, Obama has supported corn-based, renewable ethanol as a means of reducing imported oil, desiring to expand the use of this alternative energy that burns cleaner than gasoline. Currently, about nine billion gallons of ethanol are annually added to U.S. petrol, reducing the need for imported oil. Federal laws currently mandate that ethanol production expand to 36 billion gallons by 2022, but Obama wants to raise that amount to 60 billion gallons by 2022.

However, controversy swirls around ethanol's usefulness as an alternative energy source, as some environmentalists attest that too much energy is expended in its production (one unit of energy used in ethanol production amounts to less than two units of ethanol energy). They also blame ethanol as a contributor to rising global food prices, the industry now claiming about one-third of the American corn that previously flooded food markets. Indeed, earlier in 2008 the price of corn per bushel climaxed at \$5, compared to \$3.40 per bushel last year.

To his credit, though, Obama has proposed an environmental sustainability study that would critically examine the extended production of biofuels like ethanol, ensuring that

other environmental issues would not be overlooked or negatively affected.

Concerning his position on factory farming, Obama contends that the Environmental Protection Agency should fine large farms that fail to meet strict air and water quality standards, altering the current course of the EPA, which environmentalists applaud. Still, a number of sustainable-agriculture backers hope for more: they claim that Obama's proposed \$250,000 cap on payments to farmers scarcely changes the present subsidy system for the better, and is thereby scarcely a reduction of chemical agriculture.

All things considered, environmentalists believe that Obama's environmental stance is precisely what America needs to emerge as a greener leader among the nations.

"We believe Senator Obama is the change our nation needs — he is the change we need, the leader who will put America on the path to a clean energy economy that will create and keep millions of jobs, spur innovation and opportunity, make us a more secure nation, and help us solve global warming" said Carl Pope, the Executive Director of the Sierra Club.

In reality, only time will reveal if Obama's proposed changes will bathe the nation's environment, economy and people in a brighter, greener light — but if one thing's for sure, environmentalists are as optimistic as ever.

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I'm continually amazed at how much we rely on technology to accomplish what the human mind can do just fine on its own. Just when you thought you couldn't be more dependent upon your cell phone, meet the Urbanspoon Restaurant Locator for the iPhone 3G. If you can't decide where to eat out on a Saturday night, there's no need to waste precious brainpower: just ask your cell. Enter your location, the type of food you'd like, and the price range you can live with. Then just shake the phone, and like a Vegas slot machine or that big wheel on "The Price is Right," the phone will randomly spin your options and settle on a pick. If your date frowns at that choice, simply shake the phone again for a second random selection. Presumably, you could shake the phone an infinite number of times, though the more you do so, the more you realize it would have been quicker to make a low-tech choice by yourself.

So let me get this straight. If I don't mind gambling with my evening meal, the iPhone will spin the wheel of destiny and tell me where to eat. In Biblical times, this practice was known as "casting lots." God's people believed that a seemingly random drawing clearly revealed the will of the Almighty. When they

Most college students are on the constant hunt to get cash. Whether by begging for it from their parents, getting a part time job in the cafeteria or scrounging through their suitemates' couch cushions, they have to find some way to pay for their midnight Wendy's run or upcoming date. But some students spend their weekends searching for a different kind of cache; these students go geocaching.

Geocaching, or caching as the pros call it, is an adventurous hobby that takes its participants scavenging through the woods, picking up rocks or even examining street lamps, all in the pursuit of a hidden cache. A cache is a small container, usually a film canister or lockbox, that contains a logbook for hunters to sign once they find it.

While this might sound like an easy scavenger hunt, geocaching actually requires the use of a global positioning system with specific coordinates found online that lead to the cache site. Caches are hidden all over the world, each differing in level of difficulty to find.

"[Caching] has two category ratings based on a five point scale," senior Jason Hill said. "One rating [is] for difficulty or how well the cache is hidden, and the other for how rough

In about nine weeks, the torch of the presidency will pass from President George W. Bush to President-Elect Barack Obama, who plants to have a decidedly different term in various areas of his presidency, including the environment. In lieu of a cornucopia of issues affecting America's environmental health and thereby our own — the continued release of greenhouse gases, the authorization of oil drilling in pristine areas like Alaska's Chuckchi Sea and the newly — relaxed reins on the Endangered Species Act — the time could not be more ripe for stringent action on nature's behalf. To that end, Obama has largely detailed the actions he will take in his New Energy for America plan. Receiving endorsements from the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth, Obama's ideas have so far garnered praise from many environmental groups, while other environmentalists have expressed concern, namely about his stance on ethanol.

Regarding greenhouse gases, Obama plans to re-connect with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, from which stemmed the Kyoto Protocol as an agreement currently between 183 parties that have agreed to reduce their collective greenhouse gas emissions by 5.2 percent from the 1990 emission levels.

Since the protocol's creation in 1992, neither the Clinton nor Bush administrations sent the protocol to the Senate for ratification, and thus the U.S. was never bound by the protocol's requirements. Obama, however, plans to at least engage in negotiations regarding the post-Kyoto climate actions, and his administra-



# Harding Hosts First Film Festival

By JORDAN BAILEY  
student reporter

Film communicates to people in a way unlike any other medium. It commands an emotional response, and it absorbs viewers in order to entertain and instruct. People quote dynamic films and employ film as an escape from reality.

This belief, that film is a powerful medium with the ability to communicate and touch all the senses, inspired Tyler Jones to create an outlet for filmmakers at Harding. His vision culminated in the Exit 45 Film Festival taking place Saturday, Nov. 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium.

Jones transferred to Harding in the spring semester of his freshman year from Santa Monica College in California where he was considering attending film school. He is a junior political science major with a print journalism minor. Since transferring, he has been interested in the underground film crowd in Searcy.

"They're in their dorm rooms, and they have cameras, and they have editing software on their computers, and they have YouTube accounts, most of them, and I wanted to say, 'Let's get this stuff out there and, you know, have some sort of open festival,' Jones said.

Jones pitched the idea to Dr. Jeffrey Hopper while in Florence last spring, and Hopper thought it merited the involvement of the Honors College. Later in the process, the Campus Activities Board expressed interest in sponsoring.

During the summer, Jones researched film festivals at other schools, and Luke Smelser helped him brainstorm and orchestrate the Exit 45 Film Festival. Jones said he wanted the first year to be simple in order to provide students a creative outlet and to encourage students to collaborate.

"Basically, there are people in all different departments at Harding that have interest in film, and there's not really a platform for them to collaborate," Jones said. "Eventually, this could be a great form of collaboration."

Jones said he chose the title Exit 45 Film Festival because it relates to Harding without explicitly referring to the mascot or the name of the university. Harding's south entrance lies on Beebe-Capps, which is exit 45 on Highway 67. All people involved in the films were not required to be connected with Harding, as long as a primary participant and entrant is a Harding student.

The deadline for submission was Friday, Oct. 24, and the entrance fee was \$10. If a student was submitting a film for extra credit in a class, the entrance fee was waived. The classes Film as Literature, Video Production and Human Situation I each offered extra credit for student participants. The Honors College provided access to digital video cameras for filmmakers.

One filmmaker, Michael Brooker, said he faced challenges in the production of his film "Life::Lemonade." Brooker took the TV Production class with Dutch Hoggatt and had entered film festivals in high school, so he wanted Harding to have a festival and wanted to take the time to enter, he said.

During fall break, the computer lab containing his work was cleared, and his involvement in the Homecoming musical increased the pressure of the festival's deadline, but he submitted his DVD, and his film will be screened on Saturday.

Brooker directed and edited his work, and he recruited his suitemate and Belles and Beaux member Stephen "Sketch" Etchison to compose music for the score. Even the children acting in his film belong to Harding faculty.

"Everyone in my film is involved with Harding in some way," Brooker said.

Brooker said he encourages people to attend the festival because it provides free entertainment. People talk about how movies influence people in a negative way, but at Harding there are people making films to influence people positively.

This Saturday, attendees will screen nine student films, including "Life::Lemonade," and a short documentary from Harding alum Patrick Cone about Ghana. Cone is a documentary filmmaker in Dallas and one of three professional judges for the festival.

Jill Tohber, a screenwriter in Los Angeles, and Philip Martin, senior film critic for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette will complete the judges' panel. Tohber's credentials include working with Disney and the television show "Ugly Betty." Martin writes film critiques as a regular columnist for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, and he spoke earlier this semester to Harding students and faculty about the distinctions between film review and critique.

The judges will select the winning films in six categories of awards including Best Picture, Best Screenplay, Best Director and the Audience Award, sponsored by The Bison. This award will

be given based on audience response to the film selections. Other awards will recognize outstanding acting and editing.

"There needs to be a larger film presence at Harding because, especially within communications, everything is obviously becoming more visual," Jones said.

Jones said he feels like the films submitted are good quality, and the event is free, so he expects a large turnout. A variety of film genres are represented among the student submissions, including a music video and a documentary trailer about a survey trip to Nepal.

"We want it to be for the students, by the students as much as possible," Jones said.

Jones said his primary interest in film is in documentary filmmaking, and plans are being finalized for him to travel with a team to East Africa this summer with the intent of serving and documenting mission work in Mozambique. Jones described the plans as a "hybrid journalist/mission internship."

According to Jones, documentaries have become more popular recently as a result of reality television, Michael Moore and more accessible editing equipment.

"The technology is available for anyone to make a video and distribute it," Jones said.

That trend extends into Christian circles as well, with Invisible Children and the work of Rob Bell, and Jones said he believes that film can spark important dialogue.

"The cultural climate is right to where people are willing to listen to students that are finding creative ways to talk about important issues and humanitarian issues," Jones said. "I think that's what's so great about documentary, and it's completely doable for a student at Harding."

Jones said that the response to the film festival has been positive, but he thinks the involvement will grow in the future once people witness the legitimacy of the festival.

"I would love to create a platform for collaboration in regards to film here because there isn't a film program at Harding," Jones said.

Jones said that his goals in establishing a film festival include sending student films to national competitions, and he sees the Exit 45 Film Festival as a good first step toward establishing an open film community at Harding.

"Obviously, I love movies because they're entertaining, but I think that film can reach a point to where it can lead to social change," Jones said.



## Blind Date

Aaron J. Rushton, Jack Porter

When two blind dates collide, couples are formed for better or worse.



## Mr. Giggles Sleeps with the Fishes

Matthew Hammond

On the day of his daughter's wedding, the Godfather is visited by a revenge-driven clown.



## A Place To Rest

Jack Porter, Zac Crow, Jimmy Shaw, Coleman Yoakum

A single dad struggling to make sense of his wife's death is confronted by a mysterious visitor.



## Harding Alma Mater Remix

Brett Ellis, Luke Watson, Josh Jaros

A musical remix that only the fun police could provide.



## Journey to Nepal

Caleb Meeks, Patrick Covert, Shepherd Ahlers

In preparation for their survey trip to Nepal, students share their motivation for going in this documentary trailer.



## Life::Lemonade

Michael Brooker

A babysitter's idea to set up a lemonade stand brings a woman unexpected encouragement for fifty cents.



## Tearjerker

Nathan Mielke, Anna Shaffer

A music video that follows two people trying to find a way to cope with their unique loss and rejection.



## Saw 54

LaRell Reynolds

Jigsaw is back for the 54th time and has moved on to punishing Facebook addicts.



## How to Get a Head in Life

Robert Montgomery

Two friends wake up to find an unexpected addition to their apartment. Getting rid of it proves harder than they anticipated.



## Touch a Life Foundation

- East Ghana

Patrick Cone

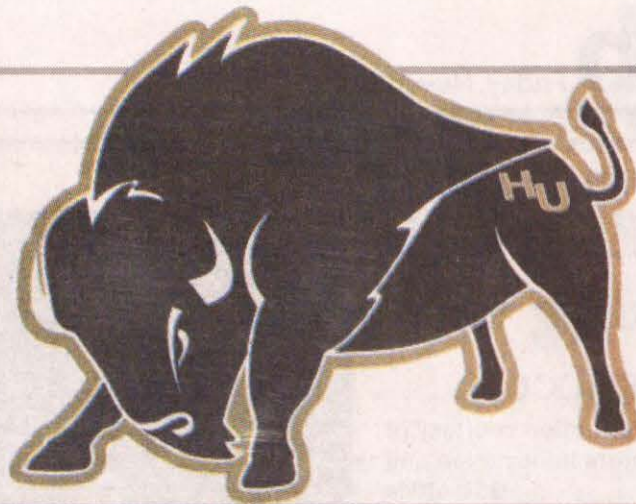
Documentary filmmaker Patrick Cone shares his recent project about child trafficking on Lake Volta and the group coming to the rescue.



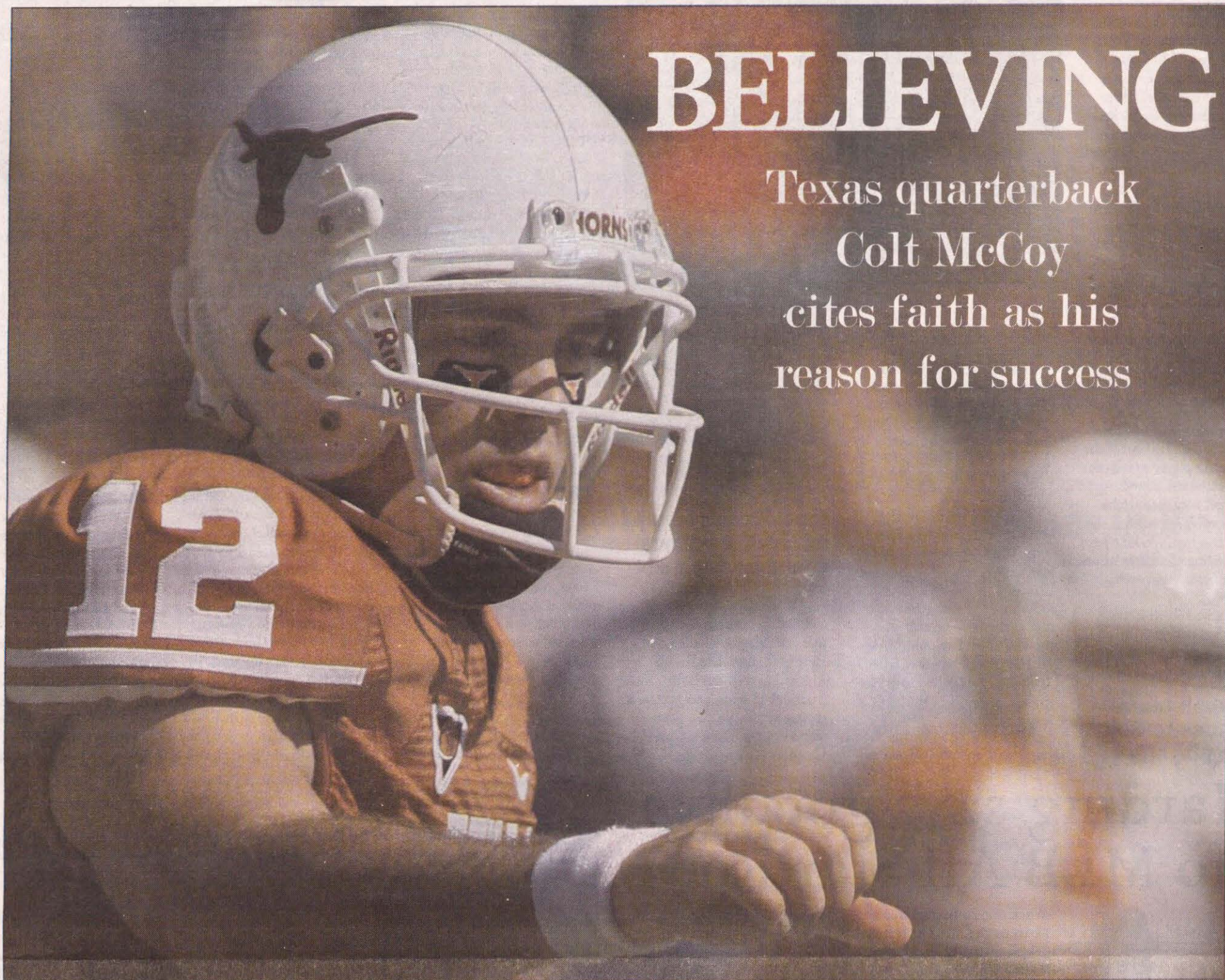
# SECTION B

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## BELIEVING

Texas quarterback  
Colt McCoy  
cites faith as his  
reason for success

photo courtesy of The Associated Press  
Texas junior quarterback Colt McCoy audibles at the line of scrimmage during a recent home game. As one of the nation's top signal callers, McCoy is in the running for the Heisman and credits his success to his faith in God.

by CHRIS O'DELL  
student reporter

The University of Texas is the second-winningest football program in college football history. It should come as no surprise that being the quarterback and leader of the Texas Longhorns involves great expectations, pressure and stress. However, Texas quarterback Colt McCoy said he knows he cannot control everything that happens on the football field, or in life.

"[Faith] guides me every day," McCoy said. "Without faith, we are nothing, and without God in my life, I personally am nothing."

McCoy's journey to the Longhorns began Sept. 5, 1986 when he was born in Hobbs, New Mexico. Rumor has it that his



father, Brad McCoy, brought a shoe box of Texas dirt to the hospital and slid it under Colt's bed so his son could be born "over Texas soil."

As a boy, Colt grew up watching Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman and began to look up to him. In his seventh grade year, McCoy and his family moved to Tuscola, Texas. The town of Tuscola had a population of around 650 when Colt arrived in the spring of 1997. Colt's father was already a football coach, and has been credited with bringing his son into the game of football.

"Of course, he was ball-boy from the time he could walk," Brad McCoy said.

Colt even helped his dad break down game films from the time he was 12 years old. However, everything wasn't only about football in the McCoy household. Colt's parents, both Abilene Christian University graduates, instilled in him and his two brothers a strong sense of family and the importance of living a Christian life.

"I grew up in the church with my family," Colt said. "I was

born and raised going to church every Sunday morning and every Wednesday night. It was just a part of what we did."

Colt was very involved in church activities. He would help the Tuscola and Abilene communities by doing yard work for senior citizens, participating in the anti-littering Don't Mess With Texas program, delivering Meals on Wheels and performing other volunteer work around the area. Then on July 8, 2000, Colt made the biggest decision of his life.

"I gave my life to Christ when I was 14," Colt said. "That's why I'm here today, that's why I play, because God has given me so much ability, and I think He has put me in this position to do good things and to be an example for Him."

Colt has definitely excelled in the game of football. While playing for his father at Tuscola's Jim Ned High School, Colt went 34-2 as a starter in three seasons. He was also named statewide Class 2A MVP two times by the Associated Press. During his career at Jim Ned, Colt completed 63 percent of his passes for 9,344 yards and 116 touchdowns, which made him

the best passer in 2A football history in the state of Texas. He also rushed for more than 1,500 yards and 21 touchdowns on the ground.

Colt's tremendous play in high school caught the eye of Texas Longhorns coach Mack Brown early in Colt's high school career, and it did not take long for Colt to make up his mind on where he wanted to play college football. He decided on the Texas Longhorns at the end of his junior year of high school, which is early for most high school recruits.

"I kind of did this to get it off my shoulders," Colt said.

After redshirting his freshman year of college with Vince Young starting at quarterback for the Longhorns, McCoy won the starting job his redshirt freshman season.

The young quarterback had the job of stepping in and becoming the leader of a team that had just won the college football national championship the previous season.

"I think that if you're a Christian, you have the attitude of a servant; you have the attitude of a leader," McCoy said. "If you can be an example, just like

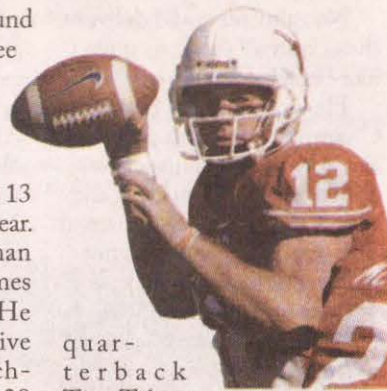
Jesus was on this earth, around people, then they start to see the same thing and it makes life a lot easier."

Colt immediately became the leader of the Longhorns, starting at quarterback in all 13 games during his freshman year. He became the first freshman in UT history to win 10 games as a starting quarterback. He also put up some impressive statistics, including matching the NCAA record of 29 touchdown passes for a freshman, as well as a UT-record six touchdown passes against Baylor University.

McCoy is currently leading the third-ranked Texas Longhorns, who began the season with eight straight wins. His Longhorns climbed up to the No. 1 spot in the country with Colt dominating his opponents along the way before falling to Texas Tech.

In his junior season, he already ranks first in touchdown passes and total touchdowns in UT history. His play this season has even earned talk of a possible Heisman trophy for Colt this season.

Last season's Heisman trophy winner and fellow Christian,



quarterback Tim Tebow of Florida, said he is impressed with everything Colt has accomplished.

"I think he has done a great job of just handling everything," Tebow said. "I was very proud because I think he represents college football really well and handled his faith extremely well, too. He is never ashamed of that, which I respect as well, so I think he is doing a great job with everything that he is going through."

Colt is now a member of the University Avenue Church of Christ in Austin, Texas, where he attends services regularly with his roommate and teammate, wide receiver Jordan Shipley. McCoy still said he credits his success in life, and on the football field, to God.

## 'Real Men of Genius': Harding University style

BRANDON HIGGINS

### The Payoff Pitch

You're probably familiar with the "Real Men of Genius" commercials that Budweiser made popular. Those commercials take common, humorous occurrences and poke fun at them.

In light of those commercials, I've conjured up some of my own "Real Men of Genius" occurrences you might

stumble across in the Harding sports scene.

1. **Mr. Way-too-hyped-up-for-your-own-good Rhodes Rowdie** — You are a true fan because you paint your face. And your arms. And your legs. And probably your stomach as well even though you're not allowed to show it, but that's just how true a fan you are.

You do back-flips during timeouts because you're overcome with Bison pride, and you start all the chants and cheers, even the ones every other school in the nation does. You make the campus a better place, my

friend. Congratulations. May all your offspring be as chipper as you are about the Bisons.

2. **Mr. Behind-the-back-board Mat Slapper** — Everyone knows who you are. Whenever things are a bit too quiet in the Rhodes Field House, you break the silence via rhythmic mat pounding. Visiting teams fear your uncanny ability to start a Rhodes-wide clap just by hammering the crash mats with the force of a jackhammer.

Your pent-up frustrations are taken out on an unsuspecting piece of fluffy plastic,

and we love you for it. May your palm wreak havoc for many years to come before you pass the torch.

3. **Mr. I-don't-have-a-clue-what-I'm-talking-about-but-I'll-act-like-I-do-anyway Man** — You don't have a clue what a charge is, but you'll yell about it at the game anyway. The only reason you're at the game is because your friends dragged you to it, but you might as well make the most of it while you're there.

"Come on, ref! That's not a foul," said the basketball-ignorant poser as the fouled player crumpled to the ground in a pool of his own blood.

"Why didn't he dunk it," cried the clueless "fan" who neglected to realize that the 5-foot-10 point guard didn't stand a chance against the 7-foot-10 monster who stood in his way.

"Where's the call, ref," wailed he-who-knows-not as the ball was swatted cleanly into the fourth row of bleachers by the opponent.

4. **Mr. Way-too-close-to-me-in-the-bleachers Halitosis Releaser** — I know you're excited about the game and you want to yell, but come on. Either chomp on a mint leaf or point that corroding cannon to the skies as to avoid

the melting of my face.

We've got spearmint. Yes we do. We've got spearmint. How about you?

Everyone is tickled that you're pumped up for the game, but please consider the permanent damage you may be doing to the noses of the people within a 20-foot radius of your mouth. Settle down, sultan of the stink. We'd all like to live to smell another day.

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## Bison Notes

### Fall seasons ending with success

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### Nesheva named Player of the Year

Junior outside hitter Manuela Nesheva received the Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Year Award released by the conference office Wednesday. Three other Lady Bisons also picked up awards. Leah Tepe, Shellie Rummer and Nesheva received First Team All-GSC honors. Emily Tate received Second Team All-GSC honors.

Nesheva, who hails from Lukovit, Bulgaria, ranks third in the nation and second in the GSC in kills per set, averaging 4.59. Nesheva hit for a .284 hitting percentage and also averages 2.63 digs per set for the Lady Bisons.

Tepe, Harding's All-Time assists leader, averages 11.07 assists per set ranking her second in the GSC and 15th in all of Division II. Tepe is the only Harding player to pass the 6,000 career assists mark.

Rummer continues to be Harding's middle presence this season averaging 2.76 kills per set and leading the Lady Bisons in hitting percentage with a .303 average.

Tate ranks fourth in the GSC in digs per set with 4.11. Tate has led the Lady Bisons defense all season.

### Volleyball team advances to Gulf South playoffs

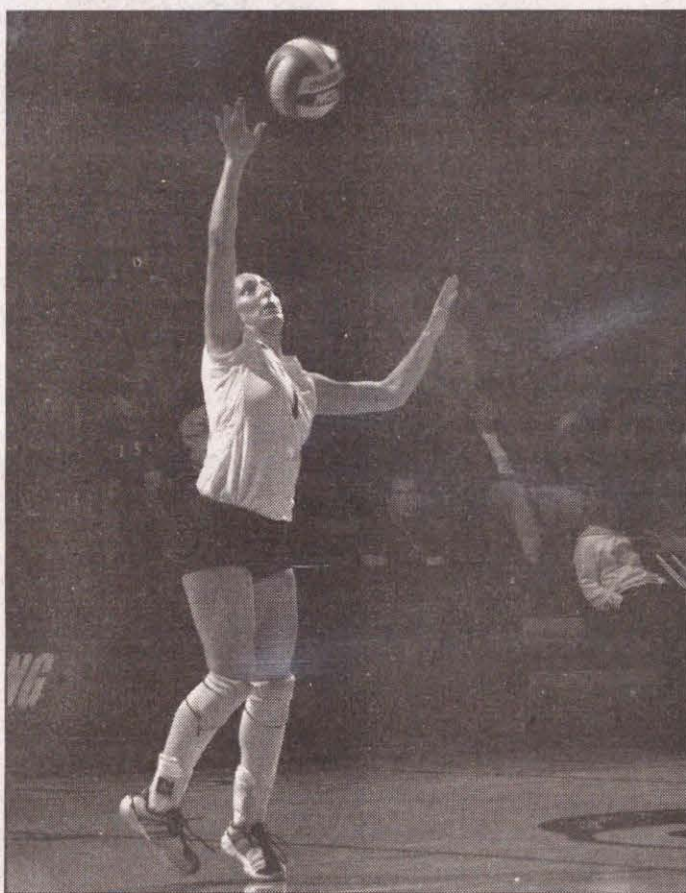


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Senior setter Leah Tepe delivers a serve during an Oct. 28 match against Christian Brothers. Tepe is among the nation's leaders in assists this year.

The Harding volleyball team will travel to Pensacola, Fla., this weekend to participate in the Gulf South Conference tournament hosted by West Florida. Harding (23-8, 10-2 GSC) will take on West Alabama (22-10, 7-5 GSC) on Friday at 5 p.m., in the West Florida Field House. It is the ninth straight tournament appearance for the Lady Bisons.

When the two teams met earlier this season in the UAH Invitational, West Alabama walked away with a 3-0 victory. Harding still has the upper hand in the series, leading 5-2.

West Alabama is riding a four-match win streak

heading into the tournament. The Lady Tigers are led by Gabriela Pedrosa who is averaging 3.82 kills per set for the Tigers. Setter Alexis McHale leads the GSC in assists per set, averaging 11.39.

### Cross Country teams advance to national championship meet

The Harding Bisons reclaimed its hold on the regional title Saturday at Wyldewood Retreat Center. The Bisons finished first through fifth for a perfect 15 team points to win their seventh NCAA Division II South Region Cross Country Championship in the

last eight years.

Harding freshman Daniel Kirwa remained undefeated this season, winning his seventh race in 29 minutes and 25 seconds. Kirwa is also the reigning 10,000-meter champion in the Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

"He's one of the best in the nation — not just in Division II but in every division," Harding coach Steve Guymon said. "He's a great runner, a great kid with a great attitude."

Harding freshman Philip Biwott finished the 10-kilometer race in second (30:25), senior Artur Kern was third (31:05), senior Julius Kosgei was fourth (31:37) and senior James Cheriuyot was the final Harding scorer in fifth place (31:37). The Bisons' sixth runner, Wojciech Kopec, was eighth overall in 32:14.

In the women's meet, Rysper Sirma was Harding's top runner and finished in fifth place (22:38). Teammate Esther Komen was seventh in 22:53, and Gladys Kimtai crossed the line six seconds later in eighth (22:59).

The national meet will take place Nov. 22 in Slippery Rock, Pa.

### Bison basketball to begin regular season Saturday

Harding enters the 2008-09 season as the defending Gulf South Conference West Division champions. It is the 64th season overall for Bison basketball.

Last season, Harding compiled an 18-13 overall record and earned a berth in the NCAA Division II National Tournament for the second time and the first since 2003. The Bisons were 10-4 in

the West Division last season, sharing the title with Christian Brothers and Ouachita Baptist.

Harding returns seven letterwinners, including two starters, off last season's team. Senior point guard Steven Barnett and junior shooting guard Trent Morgan are Harding's top two returnees. Barnett averaged 8.2 points and a team-best 4.8 assists last season, while Morgan scored 11.8 points per game with 3.0 assists per game.

The Bisons' three other projected starters are sophomore forward Kevin Brown (9.6 points, 4.9 rebounds in 2007-08), newcomer Sam Brown and redshirt freshman Kirk Porter.

Harding will play Missouri S&T, a member of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Valley Conference and is located in Rolla, Mo. The Miners finished 3-24 last season and 0-19 in the GLVC.

Missouri S&T returns nine letterwinners and all five starters off last season's team. The Miners top returning scorer is junior guard Justin Taylor, who averaged 15.5 points per game last season.

The Miners were selected sixth in the six-team GLVC West Division in the pre-season coaches' poll.

Missouri S&T is looking to improve on the offensive end of the court. Last season, the Miners ranked 255th of 261 Division II teams in scoring offense, averaging only 60.5 points per game.

Harding and Missouri S&T have met three times with the Bisons leading the series 2-1. Harding has won the last two games, including a 72-63 victory in Rolla in 2006. The Bisons won the only meeting in Searcy 102-

77 in 2005. The other meeting was at the Evangel Thanksgiving Classic in Springfield, Mo., in 1990 when Missouri S&T won 91-80.

### Lady Bisons look to start season with a win against West Florida

The Harding Lady Bisons will begin their regular season Saturday in Pensacola, Fla., against West Florida.

Harding finished the 2007-08 campaign with an 18-10 overall record and an 8-6 Gulf South Conference record.

Harding received a GSC tournament berth for the second straight season last spring. Harding fell to Valdosta State in the first round, 65-58.

Lady Bison senior Catherine McMenamy looks to lead the Harding offense this season. McMenamy averaged 12.6 points per game and 5.1 rebounds. Forward Stacey Owens is coming off a breakout season averaging 13.7 points per game and 6.9 rebounds per game.

West Florida is one of the seven teams that comprise the GSC East Division. Last season West Florida finished with a 9-18 overall record and a 2-10 GSC record.

West Florida returns one starter and six letterwinners from last season. Dominique Boykins is the top returner for West Florida. Boykins averaged 10.9 points per game for the Argonauts.

The two teams have met two previous times. The Lady Bisons walked away with the win in both contests. In the last meeting in the GSC tournament in 2007, Harding defeated West Florida 86-62.

## Harding says goodbye to MLB All-Star Roe

AMANDA PRUITT

### The OT



No minister could deliver those spitball sermons quite like Preacher Roe.

He won a World Series Championship with the Brooklyn Dodgers, became a most effective hurler of the illegal spitball and was named The Sporting News' Pitcher of the Year in 1951. In five seasons with the Dodgers, few pitchers in the big leagues matched his success.

Elwin "Preacher" Roe passed away Sunday after a battle with colon cancer at the age of 92. Roe has been chronicled in columns and articles across the country in the last few days. Even though he had not set foot on a pitcher's mound in 50 years, he has remained one of the more memorable characters in major league history.

Harding should take time with the rest of the country to remember the Preacher.

After all, he was the dominant ace for Harding from 1935-1938.

Roe, a native of Ash Flat, Ark., brought Harding College baseball briefly into the national spotlight when he

struck out 26 batters in a 13-inning game. The lefty was a three-time All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference winner, finishing 12-0 in 1938 to help Harding win the conference title.

After bouncing around with the St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates, Roe caught on with the Dodgers, where he was a five-time All-Star. He played in three World Series during those years — all in losses to the New York Yankees. For all his Arkansas ways, he was a popular figure in Brooklyn.

"He enjoyed playing the role of a country bumpkin, but he wasn't one," Dodger teammate Ralph Branca told the Associated Press earlier this week. "He was real smart, and real crafty on the mound."

All told, Roe played for 12 seasons in the major leagues with a 127-84 record. His best season was in 1951, when he finished with a 22-3 record and 3.04 ERA. He retired from baseball in 1954 and opened a grocery store in West Plains, Mo.

A few of the Preacher's artifacts still remain at Harding, locked behind the glass trophy cabinets in the Ganus Athletic Center. There's an old, wool Dodgers uniform and a signed baseball and bat.

Of course, his photo is hanging in the Rhodes Field

House along with the rest of the Harding Sports Hall of Fame inductees. Perhaps no hall of fame selection has ever been so obvious.

It is an easy task to select Roe as Harding's greatest athlete because of his skills alone. After all, no one else in school history has sustained such a long professional sports career.

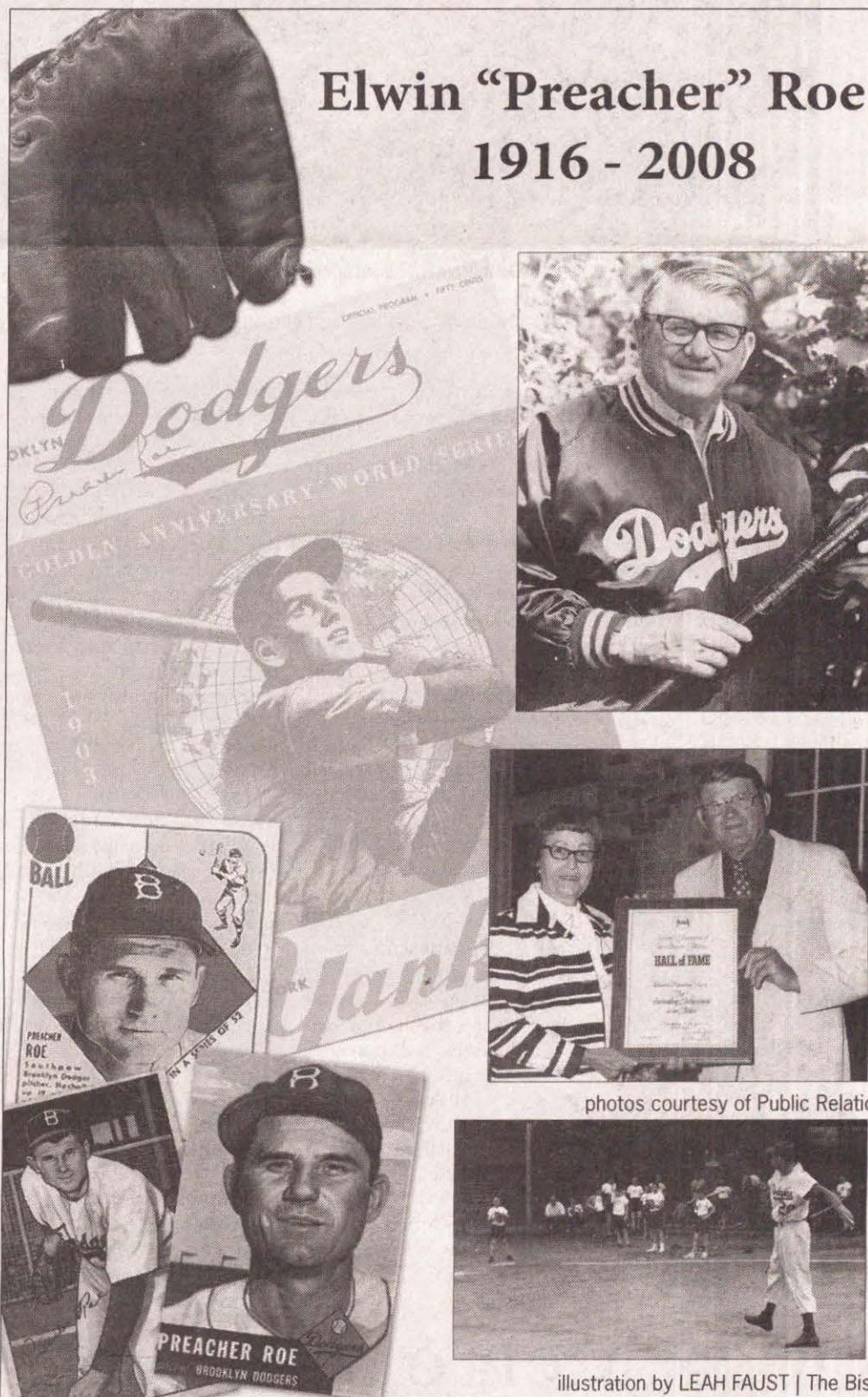
But Preacher was more than just statistics. He was also — for lack of more eloquent terms — a good guy. After signing with the Cardinals, Roe did not forget his small college. He purchased new uniforms for the team, and for a season, the Bisons took the field in the nontraditional Orange and Black.

With all his accolades and national endorsement that he later earned, it is still difficult to believe Roe spent his collegiate career at Harding, then a small, struggling college during the Great Depression. Yet the fading news clips and yearbook microfilm confirm his excellence at Harding.

There should be no arguments here: Preacher is the greatest Bison of them all.

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## Play us a song, you're the Piano Man



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American piano man Mac Frampton performs last Monday in the Administration Auditorium to an audience of all ages. For the full story on Frampton's concert, see page 5b.

## New association represents ad majors

By JORDAN BAILEY  
student reporter

The newly formed Harding Student Advertising Association will cater to advertising students through providing real life experience and recognition to advertising majors.

Seniors Jessica Copeland and Matt Tate asked Steve Shaner, professor of Communication, to serve as sponsor for this organization; he was the obvious choice since his predecessor, Dr. Lou Butterfield, sponsored the previous advertising organization. Shaner said that he was happy to serve.

Shaner teaches advertising courses in the College of Communication and is in the process of selling his advertising agency in Chicago. He said he hopes this association will prepare students for working in the industry and provide opportunities for internships and jobs.

"Primarily, continuity and competition are the two main goals that I have for this year," Shaner said.

Shaner said that as the faculty sponsor he wants the students to organize and manage the association as he provides support.

The advertising association has lacked continuity in the past, and Shaner said he wants to provide it with more stability and consistent involvement.

Last year, several students observed an advertising competition in Dallas in which students from other universities submitted projects. A similar competition will be held in Houston in April. Students expressed interest in competing, but the competition requires marketing knowledge.

"Our program is much more of a creative advertising program," Shaner said.

He also said he plans to form a complementary team of advertising and marketing majors to represent different aspects of the field competitively.

Student officers of the organization are president Matt Tate, vice president Jessica Copeland, secretary Autumn Merriman and treasurer Leah Faust. The group has held two official meetings.

Last summer, Copeland interned at Oxford American Magazine in Conway, Ark. She said that experience helped her realize she wants to be more proactive with networking and

preparing to start her career.

Copeland said she and Tate discussed the need for advertising majors to develop distinct identities separate from marketing majors. Advertising is a communication major, and marketing is a business major.

Copeland and Tate said they also discussed the public relations organization Public Relations Student Society of America and decided that advertising needed a revitalized association to help students meet people and gain experience.

The immediate goals of the organization are to find groups on campus who need advertising and connect association members with opportunities to work for them.

Copeland said the HSAA is currently developing ideas about

a paintball advertisement for the Society for the Advancement of Management.

Plans for next semester include taking a trip to Chicago during spring break to observe and make connections at advertising agencies, becoming an official chapter of a national association and entering competitions.

Copeland said she wants people to know about the organization and generate a buzz while establishing core members. Students with any major are welcome to join the association, and campus organizations are welcome to submit advertising needs.

"I want people to know that we're trying to provide something for people to get involved," Copeland said. "Basically, it's just good experience and makes you more well rounded."

## Student chases game show glory

Senior could represent Harding

By ASHTON REELY  
student reporter

When watching Jeopardy as a young child, Harding senior Ricky Young probably never guessed he would one day move one step closer to being a contestant on the famous game show.

Young said that after watching the college championship last year, he felt that he could probably do well during the collegiate series — and decided to give it a try.

"Two or three months ago, they started announcing that they would be having an online test for the college championship," Young said. "I went online and registered, and then I took the test about a month and a half ago. A few weeks later, I got the e-mail saying that I was invited for an in-person audition."

Nov. 15, he will travel to Atlanta to take part in a mock version of Jeopardy; during this stage, he will show his game-playing skills, have a short personality interview and take another 50-

question test. If he does well, he will be considered for the college championship, possibly receiving an invitation to be on the show.

Although the championship usually airs sometime during the first two weeks of May, the actual taping would be prior to that.

Young said that while watching episodes has been helpful in his preparation, he also found a Web site that lists questions from previous episodes.

"I guess I'm just trying to soak in the things I learn every day in hope that they will be questions on the show," Young said.

Young said that if chosen, he hopes to represent Harding well. He said no matter what happens, though, he is glad he gave it his best effort.

"It will be a really good experience, make it or not," Young said. "Just the opportunity to do it is pretty awesome — the chance to make Harding proud and put it on the map."

## Arkansas In Brief

### Ratings Agency Downgrades Tyson Foods

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Moody's Investors Service downgraded Tyson Foods Inc. on Thursday on concerns that the company's chicken business will lose more money and that its acquisition strategy will limit its available cash.

Moody's cut Tyson to Ba3 from Ba1 and said its outlook for the Springdale, Ark.-based company was negative.

The ratings agency cited Tyson's losses in its chicken business — \$91 million in the fourth quarter — and the company's statement that it expects a significant loss in chicken in its 2009 first quarter — and possibly an overall loss for the quarter.

### Gov. Beebe Calls For Grocery Tax Cut

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Gov. Mike Beebe on Thursday called for a 1-cent cut in the state's sales tax on groceries in a balanced budget proposal that leaves out nearly \$146 million in funding for Medicaid programs, prisons and other state services.

The governor said he wanted to use part of a projected \$300 million surplus as a "rainy day fund" to help pay for the projects that were not funded by his proposed \$4.4 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

### Former Governor To Host Huckabee Report

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Mike Huckabee is returning to his radio roots. The former governor and presidential candidate signed a contract with ABC Radio Networks to host a program that will air twice during weekdays starting Jan. 5, the company announced on Thursday.

ABC Radio said the program, to be titled "The Huckabee Report," will broadcast mornings and afternoons and feature the top news stories of the day along with Huckabee sharing his past experiences as a former governor and presidential hopeful.

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# Video games may interfere with turkey dinner

By ERIC HOLLINGSWORTH  
assistant copy editor

This November is an exciting month for gamers. With a range of new titles varying from role-playing games to first-person shooters, almost anyone with an Xbox, Playstation, Wii or PC will have plenty with which to keep themselves occupied through the fast-approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. Here are a few examples of the titles that can be expected.

## "Mirror's Edge" by Electronic Arts

This pseudo first-person shooter places the player in the role of a rooftop "runner," delivering sensitive information for private investors in a world in which the government monitors all communication. With a host of acrobatic moves such as wall-runs, leaps and vaults, the runner is able to escape pursuers and

reach areas normally inaccessible in a Parkour-like manner. With a very defense-based system, shooting weapons is not the main focus of the game. Runners prefer to disarm and incapacitate rather than blasting opponents away. Although the controls seem a little difficult to get used to at first, button pressing becomes much more intuitive as the player gains experience with playing the game. Players will be reminded somewhat of a "Tomb Raider"-style game. If you enjoy a good puzzle-solving game and don't mind a little action thrown in, this game is for you. "Mirror's Edge" became available for PC, Xbox 360 and Playstation 3 Nov. 11.

## "Call of Duty: World at War" by Activision

Coming quickly on the heels of "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare," "Call of Duty: World at War" rede-

fines World War II gaming. Taking place during some of the final battles of WWII, this first-person shooter pits players against new ferocious enemies in some of the most intense and dangerous action of the entire war, including the battle for Berlin and the many battles of the Pacific theater. Players will be able to wield new weapons such as the flamethrower and access features previously available only in multi-player, including four-person cooperative gameplay. With some of the most realistic visual representation of actual war to date, this title is sure to draw gamers into the World at War. "Call of Duty: World at War" became available for PC, Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Wii and Nintendo DS Nov. 11.

## "World of Warcraft: Wrath of the Lich King" by Blizzard Entertainment

The highly anticipated

second expansion of the most popular massively multi-player online role-playing game in the world has been quite a while in the making, being released nearly two years after the first expansion. Introducing a new continent, an expansion of the level cap from 70 to 80, new player-versus-player battleground systems, achievements similar to Xbox Live and many other new features, this expansion will add hours upon hours of game-play to the already gigantic RPG. Players will also be able to play as the new Death Knight hero class, further rounding out the previously thorough selection of classes available. If you are a freshman and have hours and hours of free time, then this game is for you. Some of the seniors with hardly any free time will undoubtedly still be purchasing and playing it. Be careful with this game: it is so

fun to play that it oftentimes becomes addictive. As this is only an expansion, players will need the basic game and possibly the first expansion to use the second expansion. "World of Warcraft: Wrath of the Lich King" became available for PC and Macintosh Nov. 13.

## "Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe" by Midway

For all of us who have loved Mortal Kombat over the years and have wondered what it would be like to take on another well-known group of characters, this is our chance. In this fighting adventure game, for the first time ever, players will be able to fight Batman as Sub-Zero; Scorpion as The Joker—even Baraka as Lex Luthor. Introducing a new fighting engine and new story mode, the game will have fighting that takes place not only in three-dimensional arenas but also in

"Klose Kombat" and "Freefall Kombat." Klose Kombat is a "brutal, up-close fighting mechanic with damage, torn clothing and bruising," according to an article on 1up.com. Freefall Kombat takes place while players are falling between arenas, such as building to ground level. Players will even be able to answer the long-time question of whether Batman or Superman would win in a fight against each other. "Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe" will be available for Xbox 360 and Playstation 3 Nov. 16.

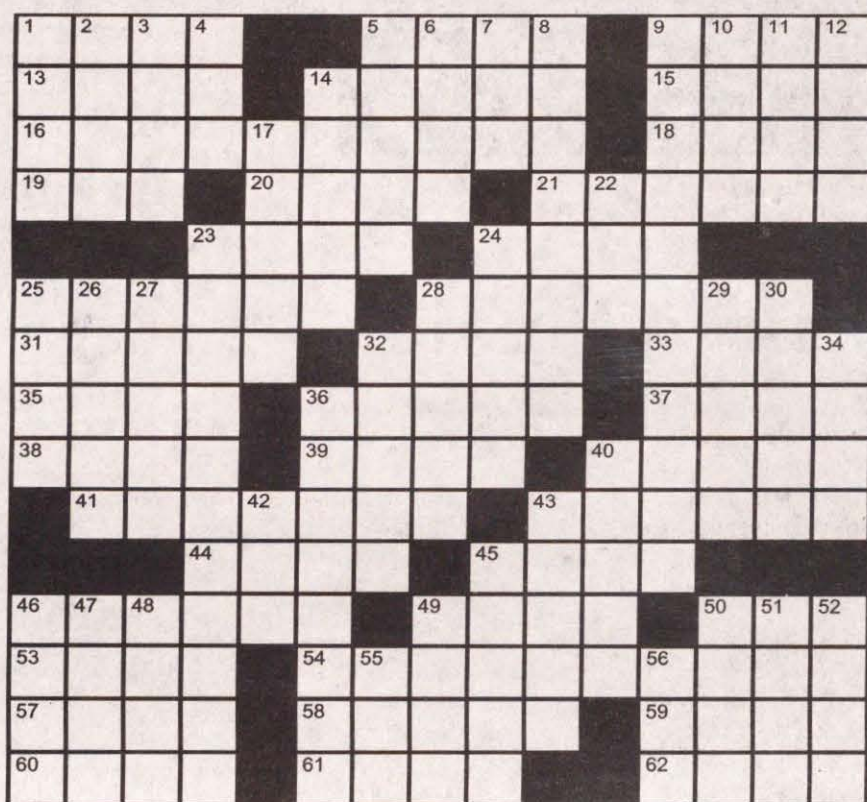
So whether you enjoy fighting, role-playing, action or shooting games, November will definitely introduce some exciting new titles. Get ready with thumb exercises, snacks and your comfortable gaming chair. Just don't forget to include at least a modicum of exercise to balance out the turkey dinners.

## The Bison Crossword

### Across

- 1 Tritons
- 5 Thwart
- 9 Bear dipper
- 13 Burn plant
- 14 Figure out
- 15 Gimme a Break star, Carter
- 16 Inexorable
- 18 Cripple
- 19 Boy
- 20 Singer Guthrie
- 21 Garments
- 23 Remain
- 24 Bench
- 25 Porter
- 28 More threadbare
- 31 Utopian
- 32 Tree trunk
- 33 Morose
- 35 TV cop Peter

- 36 Levered
- 37 Dog food name
- 38 Vitriolic
- 39 Injure
- 40 Make tea
- 41 Flow out
- 43 Panoramas
- 44 Forfeiture
- 45 Footless
- 46 Not outdoors
- 49 Ger. title of respect
- 50 Pride
- 53 Hotel name
- 54 Started
- 57 Downwind
- 58 Not fired up
- 59 Unit of length
- 60 Information
- 61 NM city



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### Down

- 1 Nobleman
- 2 Chigger
- 3 Recounted
- 4 Envision
- 5 Indiscretion
- 6 Bread spread
- 7 Sickbed items (Abbr.)
- 8 Weakened
- 9 Consummate
- 10 Bring up
- 11 Incision
- 12 Charity

- 14 Dress holder
- 17 Of birth
- 22 Crone
- 23 Shocks
- 24 Bay State city
- 25 Latvian port city
- 26 Draw out
- 27 Fabric
- 28 Watered-silk
- 29 Exorcist actress
- 30 Pakistani monetary unit
- 32 Rascals
- 34 Cleaning implements

- 36 Terminate gradually
- 40 Contempt
- 42 Sign of assent
- 43 Spar
- 45 Auspices
- 46 Persia
- 47 Egypt. river
- 48 Goulash
- 49 Hawaii town
- 50 And others (Latin)
- 51 Microbe
- 52 Likelihood
- 55 Genetic material (Abbr.)
- 56 Affirmative

## Students assist football team

By JOEL BLAKE  
student reporter

College students are continually striving to find the perfect job that will take them through the rest of their lives. During college years, students go from day to day opening books and studying notes in hopes that they will learn the essentials for being prepared for what the future holds. But do the classes that college provides give students the experience they need?

Two Harding students are gaining the experience their profession requires right here in Searcy. Baron Potter and John Rachels are giving their time to help coach the Harding Academy football team. Potter, a kinesiology major, volunteers as an assistant coach for the offensive line. Rachels, a graduate student in secondary education, helps with the running backs.

"I just really enjoy having the opportunity to be around the players every day and knowing that I can make a difference in not only their performance on the field but in their spiritual life," Potter said.

The Harding Academy senior high football team currently holds an 8-1 record and will be the number two seed in the Arkansas 2-3A conference state playoffs. The one game that they lost, against Mayflower High School, was the only game this season during

which the Harding Academy Wildcats trailed at any point during a game.

The junior high team, with which Potter and Rachels also assist, won their conference this season.

Potter was involved in last year's season when the Wildcats had a 12-1 record and a conference championship. Both students are fully part of the coaching process and are considered assistant coaches for the program. Both said they plan on leaving Harding soon and pursuing coaching careers of their own in the near future.

Not only are they involved in the lives of their players, but both future coaches are also feeling the true effects of what it means to coach young people.

"The kids have had an effect on my life in not only helping me become a better coach, but I feel I have become a better all around person from being around them," Potter said. "I've played football all of my life, but it just seems there is a difference in the attitudes and hearts of the players and other coaches at the academy."

The Wildcats are now in the playoffs and are hopefully, with Potter and Rachels' help, they can make it all the way to the state championship.

## Publishers Weekly Best-Sellers

### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Divine Justice" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
2. "Salvation In Death" by J.D. Robb (Putnam)
3. "Swallowing Darkness" by Laurell K. Hamilton (Ballantine)
4. "The Gate House" by Nelson DeMille (Grand Central Publishing)
5. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
6. "The Brass Verdict" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
7. "Extreme Measures" by Vince Flynn (Atria)
8. "Midnight: A Gangster Love Story" by Sister Souljah (Atria)
9. "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski (Ecco)
10. "A Good Woman" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte Press)

### NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch, Jeffrey Zaslow (Hyperion)
2. "Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World" by Vicki Myron, Brett Witter (Grand Central)
3. "Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics: Fabulous Flavor from Simple Ingredients" by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter)
4. "Flat Belly Diet" by Liz Vaccariello, Cynthia Sass (Rodale Books)
5. "A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity" by Bill O'Reilly (Broadway)
6. "The Snowball" by Alice Schroeder (Bantam)
7. "The Purpose Of Christmas" by Rick Warren (Howard Books)
8. "Against Medical Advice: One Family's Struggle with an Agonizing Medical Mystery" by James Patterson, Hal Friedman, Cory Friedman (Little, Brown)

9. "The American Journey of Barack Obama" by Life Magazine (Little, Brown)
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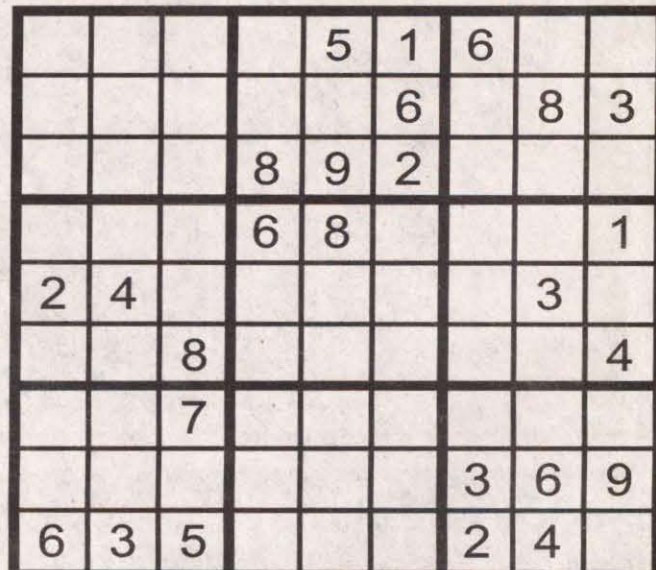
1. "One Silent Night" by Sherrilyn Kenyon (St. Martin's Paperbacks)
2. "Suite 606" by Nora Roberts as J.D. Robb, Mary Blayney, Ruth Ryan Langan, Mary Kay McComas (Berkley)
3. "The Darkest Evening of the Year" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
4. "Foul Play" Janet Evanovich (Harper)
5. "Small Town Christmas" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
6. "Duma Key" by Stephen King (Pocket)
7. "Double Cross" by James Patterson (Vision)

### TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Shack" by William P. Young (Windblown Media)
2. "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream" by Barack Obama (Three Rivers)
3. "Dreams from My Father" by Barack Obama (Three Rivers)
4. "Change We Can Believe In: Barack Obama's Plan to Renew America's Promise" by Barack Obama (Three Rivers Press)
5. "Three Cups Of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin (Penguin)
6. "The Love Dare" by Stephen Kendrick, Alex Kendrick (B&H)
7. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)

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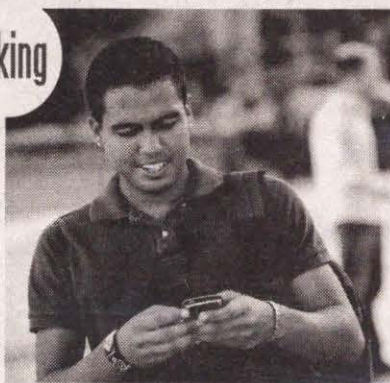
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Sushi Cafe delivers classy fare

By SARAH KYLE  
student reporter

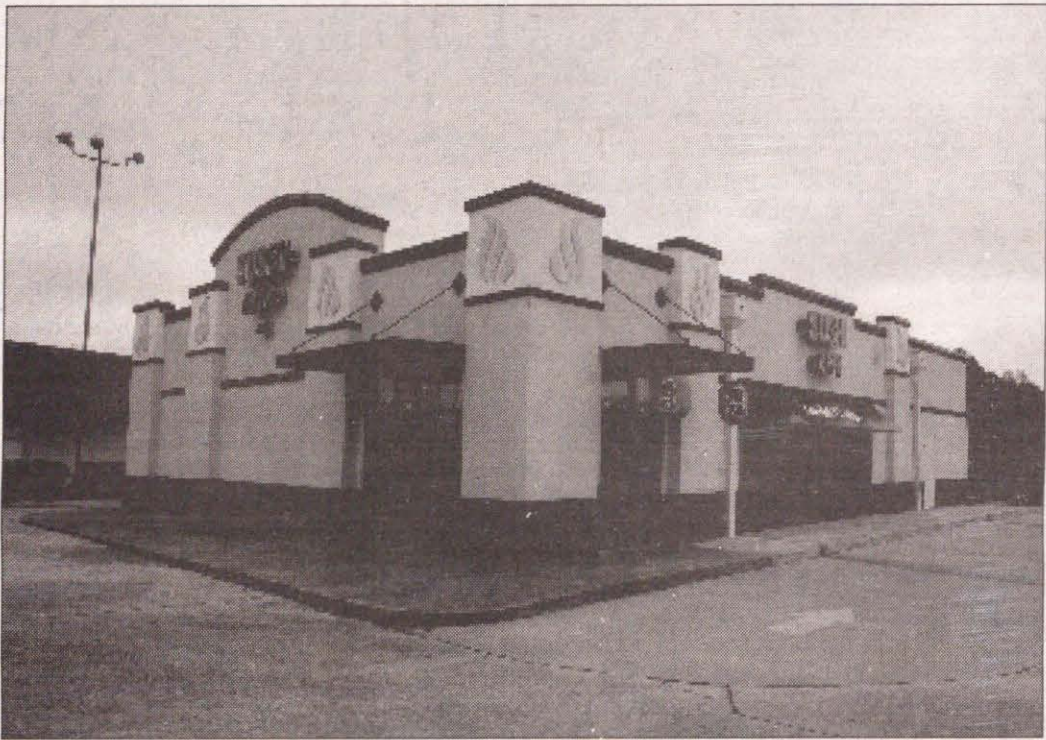
For those holding their breath in anticipation of a classy, well-priced restaurant in Searcy, you can go ahead and let that out.

I drove to Sushi Café, located at 2039 E. Race Ave., with a mission: to finally find a delectable and authentic Asian food option that wasn't an hour away. It's my pleasure to inform you that I declare this mission a success.

Upon arriving, my dining party and I were greeted promptly and politely—and seated immediately. The atmosphere was classy without being pretentious and offered privacy without being completely cut off from the rest of the restaurant. With the help of soft lighting, beautiful section dividers and a perfect mixture of artwork, we were immediately transported into a wonderful cultural experience.

Our server was conscientious and friendly, willing to answer any questions we had about the menu and ask us to clarify our requests if he was unsure. Not once did I have to ask to have my drink refilled, and our food arrived within 10 minutes of ordering.

Now what you all want to know about: the food. The menu is extremely diverse, including not only sushi but



The newly opened Sushi Café, located at 2039 E. Race Ave. across from Wendy's, offers upscale, artistically arranged food for reasonable prices in a pleasant dining atmosphere.

also hot meals. For those looking for authentic Japanese food, also featured were meals such as miso soup and udon noodles, both integral parts of Japanese cuisine.

When the sushi arrived, it was a work of art. The presentation was similar to what you would see in a five-star restaurant, and the taste more than matched up. For those apprehensive about sushi, I would recommend the Maki

Platter, which had a mix of California rolls, Tuna rolls and Cucumber rolls; very basic, very tasty—and only \$8. This platter could easily be split between two people. For the more intrepid I recommend the Sushi Sampler, which features both red and white salmon, tuna and halibut.

As for dessert, the green tea ice cream was a perfect ending to an amazing dining experience.

Pricewise, dinner ranges anywhere between \$5 to \$7 up to 20, with the more expensive meals being easily split between two people.

The average cost for everyone in our group, including dessert, was around \$10 to \$15. Sushi Café also features an extremely diverse lunch menu, with prices ranging from \$3 to \$10.

My rating? An easy five stars.

Graduates teach in China

By ADAM BREWER  
student reporter

As students graduate from Harding University, they are faced with a number of questions: What will I do now, where will I live and how will I make a difference where I end up? For many the answers are simple. Some will take jobs and begin their careers; others will choose to continue to graduate school. A certain few will take the opportunity to leave the comforts of home in an attempt to influence a place they have never expected to go.

There are presently 147 members of the Church of Christ teaching English in China. Of the 147, approximately one-third are students from Harding University. The universities in China are desperately seeking educated Americans to teach conversational English to their students. English is currently considered the international business language. Students in China begin studying English as early as kindergarten and continue to study it until their high school graduation. Though many have knowledge of the language, few have had the opportunity to practice it with native speakers. The purpose of the conversational English course is to simply give Chinese students an opportunity to become familiar and comfortable with the language. Almost all Chinese universities offer such courses and, according to Milo Hadwin, Chinese Student Life Administrator at Harding, "The supply of teachers is far below the demand."

Hadwin said the process of applying for teaching is a fairly simple one. In order students to be qualified, they simply need a college degree in any subject. There is no need for any understanding of the Chinese language; however, it does help. The first step after earning a degree is contacting one of the teacher placement organizations. Two of the main organizations are China Calls and China Now. After the placement organizations are contacted, they will send each applicant a medical examination form, which is required by the Chinese government. Applicants must send back the examination form along with a basic résumé. The organization then finds out what positions are available and makes all arrangements for the applicant to begin working.

Moving to another country sounds like an expensive endeavor, but the universities take care of most expenses. When hired by a university, teachers receive a visa to live and work in China, as well as round-trip airfare. The university will also provide applicants with a fully furnished apartment and pay for all necessary utilities. Teachers are paid the equivalent of 500 U.S. dollars per month, which is more than sufficient to cover living expenses in China.

When taking a job, teachers are asked to agree to a 10-month contract. Once the 10 months are up, they can choose whether or not to immediately renew the contract and stay for another year. Most contracts begin in September and continue until June. Included in those 10 months is a six-week spring break, during which teachers are given money for traveling and experiencing China.

Hadwin said one of the most important and enriching parts of the job is the relationships that are formed with the students, as well as with the other American teachers in China. He also said that the job is a wonderful addition to your résumé.

"It shows that you're not afraid of a challenge," Hadwin said.

Harding student Daniel Ramberger taught conversational English in China for 10 months and said it was an experience that he will never forget.

"I had always wanted to travel and see other parts of the world," Ramberger said. "This seemed like a great opportunity to do just that and get paid while doing it."

Ramberger said while he loved his experience in China, he had a difficult time adjusting.

"It was a huge culture shock," Ramberger said. "It wasn't an easy transition for me. Everything was so different that it made things tough."

Despite the difficulties he had in adjusting to the culture of a place so different and far away from home, Ramberger said he wouldn't trade his experience for the world.

"It was an eye opener for me," Ramberger said. "I'm so glad that I took the opportunity to go. I'll never forget my experience or the relationships that I made. I would encourage anybody who is willing to take the chance to go and teach in China."

Piano Man dazzles audience again

By HANNAH BEALL  
student reporter

Harding was eager to welcome back pianist Mac Frampton to the stage Nov. 12. Frampton had previously performed at Harding multiple times. Students, faculty and residents of Searcy were truly in for a treat.

Frampton began his unbelievable career at the age of three and his professional career at the age of eight, when he frequently performed in the early 70s. His beginning playing mostly in churches was what gave him the jumpstart he needed to begin his life-long career as a musician. Having performed in about 3,000 concerts and having recorded more than 20 albums, his talent and dedication to his music is clear, as

was his excited spirit when he performed on the Administration Auditorium stage.

According to the program, Frampton's unique performances usually take on a sound that would be appealing to whatever type of audience he faces. He combined a large variety of multiple pieces, opening with "Phantom of the Opera" and "Under the Sea," featured in Disney's "The Little Mermaid." Because of the diversity of ages in the audience, Frampton gave a show that successfully interested most attendees.

"I really liked how diverse all the songs were," sophomore Elliot Adams said. "There was just no telling what he would decide to play next."

The show's program featured a list of about 50 different pieces that have been

featured in Frampton's shows, from sacred to classical to pop.

"I really liked all his pop stuff because it was really fun, but I loved the classical things he played," freshman Danielle John said. "I really enjoyed the 'Rhapsody in Blue.'"

The conclusion of the show quite possibly could have been the most entertaining part. At the very beginning, Frampton mentioned that during the second half of the show, there would be a surprise for the audience, and that's exactly what it was. Once intermission was over, he retrieved a piece of paper, grabbed the microphone and announced that for the rest of the show he would be taking requests. With the audience that was present, it was not a secret to him that this would be quite

a challenge.

"I'm surprised he even pulled it off, considering the requests he had to work with," sophomore Megan Ferguson said. "I've seen a lot of piano performances but I have never seen anything like this before."

The audience requests were wide in diversity, ranging from "Beethoven's 5th" and "Stars and Stripes Forever" to "Benny and the Jets" and AC/DC. Frampton's improvisation skills were magnificent as he combined virtually all of the songs into one, which greatly pleased the audience.

As a whole, everyone seemed to greatly enjoy the performance Frampton gave. The extremely positive response of the audience is sure to mean the American Piano Man will not be forgotten.

Below: Answers To Last Issue's Crossword And Sudoku Puzzles

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Music Notes & Movie Quotes

Winners of CMA Awards (Nov. 12)

- Vocal Group of the Year:  
Rascal Flatts
- Single of the Year: "I Saw God Today," by George Strait
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## Faith the Size of a Postage Stamp

By ASHTON REELY  
student reporter

The Lord says if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, but sometimes it's faith the size of a postage stamp."

When evaluating the string of events that led to Peter Kosgei's journey to Harding University, Monte Cox's modern comparison to the verse in Matthew 17:20 seems quite accurate.

Fifth-year senior Robert West has worked with World Bible School since his freshman year in 2004.

"It's a correspondence course where people across the world take a course and answer questions based on the scriptures," West said. "Hopefully, a relationship with God and the student is nurtured [in the process]."

God moves in mysterious ways, teaming people and programs together, sometimes without either's knowledge.

In 1982, Cox and his wife, Beth, moved to Kenya, Africa, and chose to live among the Kalenjin people. Though not the majority tribe, it is a tribe of about 5 million people. Cox, who was 22 years old at the time, was a brand new missionary who set out to plant churches in surrounding areas. Early into his ministry, Cox received a letter from a 19-year-old high school student named Pius Kosgei. In broken English, he had written, "Please come to my village. Your sister is my World Bible School teacher."

Back in the United States, Cox's younger sister, Mariann, was a Harding student who had begun to get involved with World Bible School. Knowing her brother's involvement with the Kalenjin tribe, she requested the list of Kenyan names and began her correspondence.

After receiving the letter, Cox visited Kosgei's village and struck up a friendship with him. A month or two later, Cox baptized him and two other teenagers.

"You don't usually start churches with teenagers in rural Kenya," Cox said. "You start with the older people. It's a very traditional society. We tried really hard to talk to older people, but I was young myself — and didn't have a lot of credibility."

Another important character in the story is Joseph Kitur, a 30-year-old schoolteacher who was baptized at the end of Cox's time in their village. Because of Kitur and the other young Christians, a small church began to form. Sang'alo Church of Christ consisted of 10 single members. While Cox went on to plant more churches, he never forgot about Sang'alo and went back to visit it occasionally.

In the meantime, Kitur married Mary, another schoolteacher. Though they both had status and income, the church itself was still small and struggling. It was at this time that they decided to start a school. Because Kenya doesn't have many schools, the country encourages churches to sponsor them.

"Both Mary and Joseph were headmasters, but they stepped down and kept their public school jobs so they could keep their salary and pension and just became the managers of the new school," Cox said. "They hired brand new, young teachers to run the school from a Christian point of view."

The church started meeting on a piece of property that the Kiturs had purchased and all the young members began to grow up, get married and enroll their children in the Mariann School, named after Cox's sister.

It was at this point that Peter Kosgei enters the story. After his mother fled

to the mountains to escape from her abusive husband, Kosgei was left tending cows for his alcoholic father instead of receiving an education. The Kiturs, who had taught him in public school as a child, knew that he was smart. Though he fled to where his mother was for a time, she eventually ran out of money and could no longer send him to school. Returning home to resume his job as a cow herder, the situation for Peter seemed hopeless — it was then that the Kiturs took him in and sent him to the Mariann School. After Kosgei passed the National Primary School Exam in 8th grade, it was decided that he could move on to high school. The Kiturs sponsored him to send him to a Christian high school, a school that was started by another church that Cox and his group had planted. It was at the high school that Kosgei met four Harding graduates — two couples who spent a year teaching there.

Many of the world's most elite runners are from the Kalenjin tribe — and the Harding graduates began to notice what a great runner Kosgei was. After getting in touch with Steve Guymon, Harding's track and cross-country coach, they began to send him Kosgei's times and inquire about a track scholarship.

Soon after, Kosgei got his visa and began his journey to the United States. The Mariann School paid his way out of their school budget. Handing him \$30 as he boarded the plane, Joseph Kitur bid him farewell. When Kosgei got to London, he had to change airports and the transfer cost him exactly \$30 — the only money he had in his pocket. When he arrived in Little Rock, he called Guymon and someone came to pick him up from the airport.

Arriving in the fall of 2004, Kosgei led the Harding track team before finishing his college career at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. He is now a graduate assistant at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La.

The Mariann School and Sang'alo Church of Christ, both vital in Kosgei's success story, are now thriving.

"This neighborhood was quite antagonistic toward this little church, started now 26 years ago, and me — this young white man who was trying to learn their language," Cox said. "This one man, who was not friendly to me in the beginning — I saw him in 2003 — and he was so proud of this little church and the school."

In 2003, Cox returned to Kenya with his daughter Rachel and his sister Mariann — who for the first time got to see the school for which she was the namesake. Cox said about 400 people gathered to meet Mariann, whose letter many years before had begun a work she could never have foreseen.

Robert West, who began his efforts after being inspired by his roommate's desire for missions, said World Bible School gives unlikely people a chance to make a difference.

"I think World Bible School makes leaders out of ordinary people," West said. "I'm impressed from the stories that I have heard how people have only seen God's word and have been inspired to go on and tell others. They catch this desire to share God's word through World Bible School."

Though we are not all called to travel across the world and live in another country, God can use all of us together to spread the gospel. It's amazing what a little faith, a missionary and a college student with enough money for postage can do.

